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U.S. MAY SUSPEND H-1B VISA AS UNEMPLOYMENT BITES

The White House said President Donald Trump is considering a range of options to protect the jobs of American workers

SUSPENSION COULD STRETCH INTO OCTOBER

The proposed action, if implemented, would restrict only the new H-1B holders from coming to the US for work, *The Wall Street Journal* reported on Friday citing senior administration officials. Those already in the country are unlikely to be affected. The suspension could stretch into the government's new fiscal year beginning on October 1, the daily reported

BUSINESSES WARY OF PROPOSED ACTION

- Apart from H-1B, H-2B visa for seasonal workers and the J-1 visa for short-term workers could also be suspended
- In a letter to Trump, the CEO of the US Chambers of Commerce sought assurances that the proposed actions won't lead to a talent shortage when the US economy begins its recovery phase

4.4 crore

U.S. WORKERS HAVE FILED FOR JOBLESS BENEFITS SINCE MARCH

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Delhi situation horrendous and pathetic, says SC

Top court issues suo-motu notices to Delhi, Maharashtra, West Bengal and Tamil Nadu

KANU SARDA @New Delhi

THE Supreme Court on Friday called patient care during the Covid-19 pandemic in Delhi as "horrendous" and "pathetic" and asked the Arvind Kejriwal-led Delhi government to explain the rationale behind reducing testing when the number of cases is shooting up.

The SC also reprimanded Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu, Gujarat and West Bengal for not handling the crisis well and observed Covid-19 patients were treated "worse than animals". It issued notices to their chief secretaries with a directive to bring on record relevant statistics on patient management system, number of patients, availability of beds, and doctors, among others.

The bench comprising Justices Ashok Bhushan, Sanjay K Kaul and M R Shah was hearing a suo motu matter on treatment of Covid-19 patients in state-run hospitals and handling of dead bodies, when it took a grim view of the situation in Delhi.

"The large number of beds in the Government Covid Hospital being vacant in a situation where patients suspected of Covid-19 are running from pillar to post to get admission in any hospital tells about the mismanagement and sorry state of government hospitals in Delhi. The state is not only duty-bound to increase the number of beds, but also to provide appropriate infrastructure and staff for manning the Covid-19 patients," the bench stated in its order.

Coming down hard on the Delhi government, the bench said, "This is a very sorry state of affairs. There is no adherence to the Central Government's guidelines either. Hospitals are not giving due care to the dead bodies," the bench recorded in its order.

When Solicitor General Tushar Mehta said that showing no respect to a dead body is also an offence under the Indian Penal Code, the bench asked him, as well as the Delhi government counsel, "What have you done despite knowing all this? Patients are crying in pain and there is nobody to attend to them. One video from LNJP Hospital showed how badly the dead bodies are being treated. There is absolutely no respect for dead bodies too."

The bench noted that more than 2,500 beds are vacant in the Delhi Government's hospitals because nobody wants to go there. The court also sought response from the Central Government and LNJP Hospital on these issues. The matter will be heard again on Wednesday.

YOUR NEWSPAPER IS TOTALLY SAFE

WHY NOT TEST MORE, ASKS COURT

The number of samples tested in Delhi was 6,018 on May 27, but it slipped to 5,077 on June 11, while Maharashtra and Tamil Nadu tested 16,000 and 17,675 samples, respectively. Noting that non-testing of patients is not a solution, the SC asked the Delhi Government to increase testing by government hospitals and private laboratories

NATIONWIDE

CURED/RECOVERED 1,47,194

ACTIVE CASES 1,41,842

DEATHS 8,498

The test-positivity rate in Delhi is now 23, the highest in the country, meaning for every 100 tests done, 23 turn out to be positive

11,000 Cases in a day; India's Covid tally overtakes UK's, now 4th in world

SUMI SUKANYA DUTTA @New Delhi

FOR the first time, India reported more than 10,000 Covid-19 cases in a single day, on Friday. As many as 10,956 fresh cases — 44 short of 11,000 — were reported in the 24-hour period till Friday morning. There were also a record 396 deaths during the period.

The total number of cases in the country now stands at 2.97 lakh. As many as 8,498 people have lost their lives to the infection. On the positive side, over 1.47 lakh people have recovered from Covid-19.

With Friday's new cases, India's case count has surpassed that of the UK to become the fourth-highest in the world. Only the US, Brazil and Russia are ahead of India, according to the global dashboard maintained by the US's Johns Hopkins University.

The high number of cases being reported is despite India lagging far behind other worst-hit countries in terms of testing. India's testing rate stands at 3,889 per million people. In contrast, the US's testing rate is 70,256 per million.

"If we test more, we will find 10-20 times or maybe an even higher infection size. India needs to aggressively ramp up its testing capacity," said Dr Arvinder Singh Soin, researcher and a senior doctor at Medanta hospital in Gurugram.

Maharashtra reported 3,607 new cases and 152 deaths on Friday. Delhi saw 1,877 cases and 101 more deaths — the highest single-day toll for the UT. Maharashtra — the state with the highest case burden — now has a whopping 97,648 cases.

With curbs on travel, the tourism sector in the state faced losses of Rs 15,000 crore in the past three months | EXPRESS

3 LAKH JOBS IN TOURISM SECTOR MAY BE AT STAKE

ASHWINI M SRIPAD @Bengaluru

AT least three lakh people, who directly and indirectly depend on the tourism sector for their livelihood, could lose their jobs due to the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic. The situation is so bad that the State Government is now stressing on survival of the sector rather than thinking about its revival, Tourism Minister C T Ravi told *The New Indian Express*. Experts and stakeholders too feel that it may take at least six months, or even more, to get back to normal.

On Friday, CM B S Yediyurappa held a review meeting with the Tourism Department officials where he was told that the sector has faced losses of Rs 15,000 crore in the last three months and about three lakh people are in fear of losing jobs. The Karnataka State Tourism Development Corporation and the state-run Jungle Lodges and Resorts have suffered Rs 14 crore and Rs 15 crore losses, respectively in the last three months.

According to department officials, the sector contributed 15 per cent to the state's GDP in the 2019-20 fiscal.

Minister Ravi told *TNIE* that there are at least 35 lakh people directly and indirectly employed in the tourism sector including in hotels, transport and other ventures. "With no business, employers are forced to lay off their staff," Ravi said.

The government is now looking at how these business can survive for longer. P7

State may see cases spike by mid-August: Sudhakar

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Ballari

MEDICAL Education Minister Dr K Sudhakar on Friday said that an expert committee report has indicated that the number of Covid-19 cases in the state could rise sharply after mid-August. However, the government is prepared to face the situation, he stressed.

Speaking to reporters after visiting VIMS Hospital here, Sudhakar said that people must not panic, but follow instructions of the government and stay safe. "Currently, about 95 per cent of Covid-19 patients are asymptomatic and only 3 per cent have fever, cough and other illnesses. The number of patients being discharged is higher than the active cases," he pointed out.

The minister added that Karnataka presently has 6,516 positive cases, of which 3,440 have been cured and discharged. He also tweeted, "Nearly 60% of total Covid-19 cases in India are found in 10 cities. Despite being 4th most populous, Bengaluru has been successful in containing spread of virus. I urge people to keep up the fight, continue vigil & together with #CoronaWarriors we can defeat the virus."

The minister said that Covid-19 testing facilities will be enhanced in the district, and that the administration is working to allay fears among the people regarding the JSW cluster. Ballari will also have a trauma care unit soon, at a cost of Rs 150 crore. It is expected to be inaugurated by Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa on July 15, he added. P4

K'TAKA COVID-19 BATTLE

271 Test Positive on Friday

6,516 Total Cases as on Friday

3,440 Total Recoveries so far

79 Deaths

EXPRESS READ

SC: Can't afford to have 'dissatisfied soldiers' in war

New Delhi: Taking serious note of instances of non-payment of salary to doctors treating patients suffering from Covid-19, the Supreme Court on Friday said that the country cannot afford to have 'dissatisfied soldiers' in the war against the pandemic, and asked the authorities to go the extra mile in raising funds for them. P10

Interest on late filing of GST returns halved

New Delhi: In a relief to small taxpayers with turnover up to Rs 5 crore, the GST Council on Friday halved the interest on delayed filing of GST returns for February, March and April to 9 per cent, provided the returns are filed by September 2020. Also, deadline to file returns for May, June and July is extended till September, with no interest or late fee. P12

SOUR TIES

INDIAN KILLED IN FIRING BY NEPAL FORCES NEAR BORDER

RAJESH KUMAR THAKUR @New Delhi

ONE Indian national was killed and three others were injured on Friday, when Nepal's security forces opened fire at a group of Indians at the India-Nepal border along Bihar's Sitamarhi district.

The Director-General of the Sashastra Seema Bal, a Central police force guarding India's border with Nepal, Rajesh Chandra said the incident happened in Nepal's territory, and at least 15 rounds were fired.

"The incident happened deep inside Nepal (around 1.5 kilometers inside) and was a local issue triggered by an altercation. It is not something that was brewing for a long time," Chandra said.

But the shooting comes amid rising tensions between India and Nepal over a plan by the Nepalese Government to include disputed territories — Lipulekh, Limiyadhura and Kalapani — in the new political map.

Residents of the Janakinagar village in Sitamarhi's Sonabarsa border area said the firing took place in the early hours of Friday, when a group of Indians went to work at a field in Narayanpur, which is now claimed to be a part of the Himalayan nation, if one goes by their new political map.

The firing reportedly happened amid an altercation between Indian workers and Nepali forces, who objected to their presence in the area.

The deceased has been identified as Vikesh Yadav, 25, son of Nageshwar Rai of Jankinagar. Uday Thakur, 35, Umesh Ram, 40, and Shivdayal Rai, 45, are the three injured. They are undergoing treatment at a private clinic in Sitamarhi, the Superintendent of Police of Sitamarhi district Anil Kumar said.

The Sitamarhi SP claimed that the police force has been deployed and the situation was under control from both sides.

They tried to snatch our weapons: Nepal

Nepal officials said a group of workers from India tried to snatch weapons from Nepali officials during an altercation, which led to the firing. Police on the Indian side said this claim is being investigated

STUDY TIME

Parents want online classes for kids, 17k sign petition

IFFATH FATHIMA @Bengaluru

JUST days after Primary and Secondary Education Minister S Suresh Kumar announced that no online classes will be conducted for students of Classes 1 to 5, an online petition, "We support online classes", is gaining traction and already has 17,000 signatures of parents of pre-primary and primary schoolchildren.

The campaign is opposed to Minister Suresh Kumar's Wednesday's announcement that schools will have to stop online classes for children in LKG/UKG and those in Classes 1 to 5 in recorded or any other form until a newly-formed 11-member committee takes a decision on it.

The parents in support of online classes point out that it helps kids stay focused on studies without whiling away their time or playing addictive video games in the absence of regular classes, even as parents are working from home. This despite experts earlier pointing out that online classes can affect motor and social skills in young children.

Software engineer Ritu Sarma, mother of a Class 3 student in a private school in Whitefield, said, "The classes were just for four hours and my daughter enjoyed attending it. The module the school had developed was very good and less burdensome as well. It was not just classes, they even had dance and musical sessions which kept my child engaged and energetic. Now, with it being stopped, she is not happy and we are disappointed as well." P5

We haven't said no to use of technology, but have said no to online class for the time being. The children can be engaged through mass media watching educational stuff, listening to rhymes or on their class topics. We had got complaints where children had to sit in uniform for the online classes and it wasn't a good idea.

VP Niranjanaradhya, Academic expert

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Masa: Jyeshta • Paksha: Krishna • Tithi: Ashtami 1:00 am • Nakshatra: Poorvabhadra 9:59 pm
Moon in Meena Rashi • Rahukaala: 09:00 am to 10:30am
Gulikakala: 06:00 am to 07:30 am • Yamaganda: 01:49 pm to 03:26 pm

WEATHER WATCH
MIN 21°C | MAX 29°C
FORECAST
Showers late. Broken clouds.

Sunrise 5.53 am
Sunset 6.46 pm
Moonrise 0.23 am
Moonset 12.26 am

Thousands of migrant labourers wait to board a train to Assam, at Palace Grounds in Bengaluru on Friday. Among those waiting were women and children as young as a few months old | PICS: PANDARINATH B

IT IS A LONG JOURNEY HOME

Nearly 4,000 migrant workers heading to North East queue up from 5 am to 1.30 pm without food, water to board Shramik Exp

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WITH BBMP officials failing to turn up on Friday morning at a designated venue to register migrants who were to board a Shramik Special train, nearly 4,000 people heading to North-Eastern states, who had queued up from 5 am to 1.30 pm at Bangalore Palace grounds in Vasanth Nagar were left with no food, water or toilet facilities. With a train being run to Assam on Friday after six days and information regarding this being received only on Thursday evening, there was a mad rush to grab a spot on the train by migrants.

Rosemary Viswanath of Coalition for Migrants, a grouping of NGOs, volunteers and others involved in helping migrants in the city, said, "We got frantic calls in the morning stating that there was not a single BBMP official in sight and they were waiting since 5 am. The four toilets available here were all locked. We had to call up so many officials and get them to act. Finally, by 1.30 pm, people queuing up were given food and water."

Yaliyur Ahmed, a migrant employed as a garment worker, who had reached Palace Grounds from Marthahalli after forking out Rs 200 as auto fare, said, "When we reached here, there was no one to help us. Many of us had rushed here to leave for Assam. I called up people from an NGO I knew to help me and they reached here."

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>
> Yaliyur Ahmed, a migrant worker

> The information came late but we mobilised our staff quickly. While 1,589 workers from Uttar Pradesh gathered at Tripura Vasini, around 3,500 people had gathered at Tennis Pavilion
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> B H Anil Kumar, BBMP commissioner

BBMP Deputy Commissioner (West) N Chidananda told *The New Indian Express*, "There was some miscommunication. The police told us that the venue is Bangalore Palace and we thought it would be Tripura Vasini Grounds and made all arrangements for it. We later came to know it was at the Tennis Pavilion area. So, it took us some time to shift everything there."

Divisional Railway Manager A K Verma said, "We decided to run two trains to Assam on Friday because of the rush. The BBMP expected around 1,500 to turn up but nearly 3,400 wanted to leave the city."

BBMP Commissioner B H Anil Kumar told *The New Indian Express* that the confusion was due to lack of communication, but it was sorted out soon. "The information came late but we mobilised our staff quickly. While 1,589 workers from Uttar Pradesh gathered at Tripura Vasini, around 3,500 people had gathered at Tennis Pavilion. We ensured all of them boarded the trains. The workers from Assam were sent by two trains," he added.

A migrant labourers rests against a rucksack as she waits for her train, in Bengaluru on Friday

BDA registration scam: Quack, aide held for duping hundreds

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NEARLY 1,000 people were reportedly affected by the BDA site scam involving plots in Kempegowda Layout. Two individuals —Dr Vijayananada Swami, a quack from Uttara Kannada and the president of the Uttar Karnataka Raitha Prathi Adhyaksha, and one Ramesh—were running the scam for over a year. The Seshadripuram police on Friday booked cases against the duo under four sections of the IPC on Friday.

Speaking to *TNIE*, BDA Task Force Superintendent Shivakumar Gunare said that Swami set up an office at Chamarajpet and made people register in his organisation by paying a small sum. "He said he would help them get BDA sites at throwaway prices and made them pay larger sums by forging BDA documents and the commissioner's signature," he said.

The duo reportedly duped nearly 1,000 people of lakhs | EXPRESS

BDA Commissioner H R Mahadev said, "Swami charged Rs 15,000 as application cost, Rs 10,000 as registration cost and also collected sums ranging between Rs 50,000 and Rs 3 lakh from hundreds promising a site. BDA staffers at the lower level could be involved," he said.

Among the victims duped is Ravindran babu, a driver, who lost Rs 2,71,000. Apart from losing all his savings, the 39-year-old father of two, also lost the money he borrowed from friends to get a BDA site. The cost of a 30x40 site at BDA in KG Layout is Rs 23,25,002.

Speaking to *TNIE*, Babu, said, "I knew Vijayananda for the past five years as he hails from Uttara Kannada. He told me getting a BDA site at throwaway prices was one of the benefits of joining his organisation. So I joined his group in June 2019. I will file a separate FIR against him."

BBMP commissioner for linking tax to guidance value

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BRUHAT Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) Commissioner B H Anil Kumar on Friday admitted before the Council that a resurvey of properties was not done after self-assessment of properties. There are many loopholes in this scheme which need to be corrected, he said, adding that though there is a provision for random sampling, it has not been done.

Addressing councillors, Kumar said: "I have not given powers to joint commissioners to undertake re-assessment of properties. They are following orders of previous commissioners. There is a need to correct tax anomalies. Also, property taxes have not been revised since five years, and we have proposed to the government to link tax to guidance value, which is revised annually. Orders have also been issued for 100% reassessment of all commercial properties, apartments, villas, row houses etc."

He assured the councillors that a report will be submitted on taxes collected and properties evaluated, and another survey would be done. Hotels and restaurants were paying taxes under the old scheme, due to which BBMP was losing revenue, Kumar added.

Mayor M Goutham Kumar said that directions have been issued to officials to prepare a report of all properties in BBMP limits. Shockingly, so far only 10 lakh properties are in the BBMP tax net, and 10-12 lakh property owners have not paid taxes.

Uproar over garbage cess

Councillors complained to the Mayor and commissioner that the government was issuing a gazette notification on Rs 200 as garbage cess per home, when the Covid19 crisis has affected everyone. The Mayor said that people have to pay garbage cess only from July.

Ready for rain

Kumar said that tenders have been called for tree canopy management. So far, priority was given to clearing trees fallen on roads, then transporting them to vacant sites to dispose of the logs. Waterlogging points have been identified and this year, only three flooding cases were reported so far.

Submit report on STPs being built, says HC

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OBSERVING that the Karnataka State Pollution Control Board (KSPCB) cannot avoid performing its statutory duties merely because the NGT committee exists, the Karnataka High Court on Friday directed the KSPCB to visit 34 sites and submit a report on the status of the sewage treatment plants (STPs) being installed there.

"The citizens cannot approach the NGT committee for grievances against apartments and industries discharging waste water into lakes. The KSPCB has to look into this," a division bench of Chief Justice Abhay Shreeniwas Oka and Justice E S Indiresh said.

The court was hearing a PIL filed by advocate Geetha Misra seeking directions to protect Bellandur and Varthur Lakes, and Vrishabhavathi River.

On the bunds constructed inside Bellandur and Varthur lakes, the court told the the Bangalore Development Authority to submit documents showing where they got the permission to do so from.

Daily Starscope

PETER VIDAL

13th June : Astrology deals with the meeting of time and space. Actually, astrologers claim that each one of us stands at the centre of what scientists call our own time-space continuum. Our task is then to move through the universe, or our small part of it, trying to make a difference – for the better! We are all part of the same cosmos, so our task is to get on.

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr. 20)
A splendid new planetary pattern is about to improve the professional situation, or at least introduce a note of harmony. Even at home, you may have to wait while partners have their say before you can move ahead. It's all a matter of picking the right time.

TAURUS (Apr. 21 - May 21)
Moral or ethical choices should now have been taken, and you must soon tell partners what you have decided. Whether they respect or even agree with your view of what is right and what is wrong is their business. Ultimately you have to do what you know is correct.

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)
All creative individuals should have a satisfactory day, and that includes every single one of you - especially if you have a particular hobby or project to pursue. In general this is not a time for extremes, so be content with the middle way, and see to it that practical deadlines are met.

CANCER (June 22 - July 23)
The Moon's daily pattern suggests that only the best will do, especially as far as home affairs are concerned. But then there's the question of your social life, and your need to feel part of a real group of like-minded people. The pieces of a friendly jig-saw could be falling into place very soon.

LEO (July 24 - Aug. 23)
A handy alignment involving Mercury and Mars is just about the perfect indication for all individuals intent on completing practical tasks and achieving tangible results. The rest of you may find that, come what may, domestic chores take the supreme position in your life.

VIRGO (Aug. 24 - Sept. 23)
It may seem as if the root of any minor problems or crises today is financial. Money may indeed be a vital factor, but underlying everything are your emotional needs and attitudes to personal security. If you feel safe and happy in yourself then you really won't be bothered whether you lose a little cash - or win a little.

LIBRA (Sept. 24 - Oct. 23)
You may be more determined than ever to get your point across at home, especially if you see some way of snapping up a bargain or sorting out a financial dispute. Actually, partners would be foolish if they failed to pay attention to your words of wisdom.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22)
There is one thing to be said for keeping your ideas to yourself, and that is that you won't give partners a chance to criticise you! Besides, you don't want to waste too much time explaining yourself. Give them leeway to catch up and enter the modern age before you spring any surprises on them.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23 - Dec. 22)
You're now into a new cycle of prosperity which should help wipe out some of the complicated financial patterns which have been plaguing you of late. Don't expect instant results - it might be the end of next week before a burden is lifted and you are reassured.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23 - Jan. 20)
The most pleasing indication today concerns Venus' relationship with your sign, inaugurating a more favourable emotional phase, and probably enabling you to spill the beans and get away unscathed. You never know when you're going to get your way - but it could be soon!

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 - Feb. 19)
Long-range affairs seem to be much more important than usual. Overseas connections are very significant, and travel trips should be arranged without delay. Get in touch with family members who are far away, check up on educational matters and resolve monetary matters this afternoon.

PISCES (Feb. 20 - Mar 20)
There is now a great deal to be said for pressing on with business plans or joint monetary affairs. Teamwork and friendly advice seem to hold the key and you should aim for the highest standards, at least where emotional bonds are concerned. You will only be able to hold your head up if you know that you are completely honest.

THE PHANTOM

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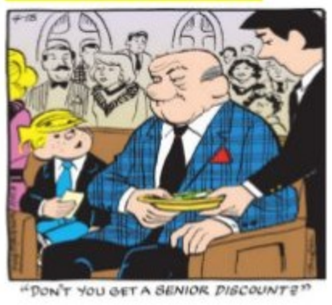

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SUDOKU

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		6			4		3	

HARD

- Fill in the grid with digits in such a manner that every row, every column and every 3X3 box accommodates the digits 1 to 9, without repeating any.
- Each sudoku has a unique solution that can be reached logically without guessing.

Solutions to Yesterday's puzzle

3	4	7	8	1	2	9	6	5
9	1	5	6	3	7	8	2	4
2	6	8	4	9	5	3	7	1
7	5	2	3	4	1	6	8	9
6	8	1	2	5	9	4	3	7
4	3	9	7	8	6	1	5	2
8	7	6	1	2	4	5	9	3
1	9	3	5	7	8	2	4	6
5	2	4	9	6	3	7	1	8

JUMBLE

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME
By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

SOKKI

SRPNU

UNCYTO

GEALRR

I really don't think that's a good idea.
I want it nice and flat to show it off.
YOU SHOULDN'T IRON A FOUR-LEAF CLOVER UNLESS YOU WANT TO ---
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Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: ELECT HAVOC PUCKER CACTUS
Answer: The bill for their dinner didn't seem correct. They asked the waiter to -- CHECK PLEASE

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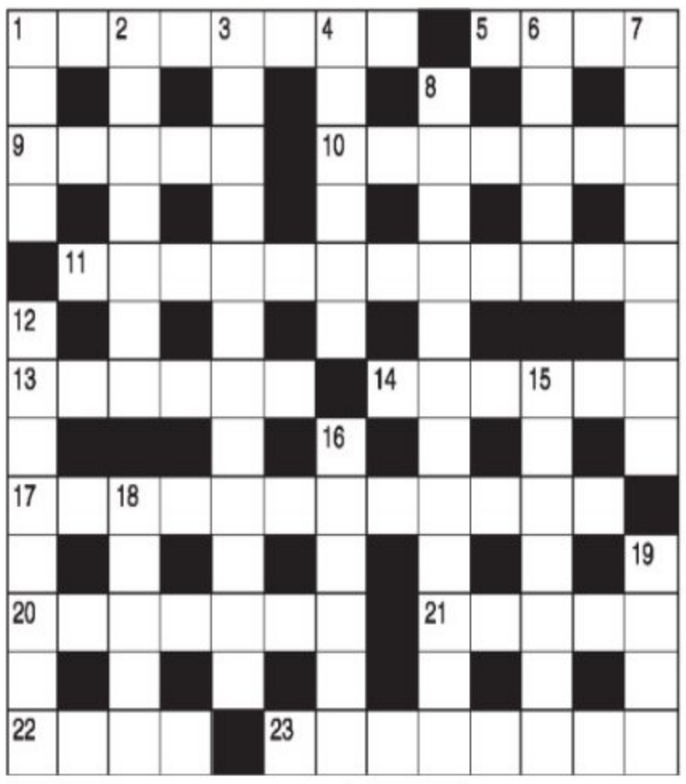
CROSS WORD



ACROSS

1 Extend argument in favour of open country (8)
5 Has to get quiet door fastening (4)
9 Start with nothing in the kitty (5)
10 Strange disease in coastal areas (7)
11 They have an interest in conversion schemes (12)
13 Look into new liquid preparation (6)
14 Church worker with grave responsibilities (6)
17 It travels fast say the attendants (7,5)
20 One source of a writer's material (7)
21 Some small amount I left in the till (5)
22 Boast about one's apparel (4)
23 Treading slippery slope (8)

DOWN

1 Highly praise some pastry (4)
2 He makes a practice of seeing complaints (7)
3 Communist is hidden but is found again (12)
4 All the players or just one star (6)
6 An out-of-place plea for innocence (5)
7 Trying hard to persuade one it's urgent (8)
8 A drilling site (6,6)
12 Changing integral formation (8)
15 It gets down to sorting the list (7)
16 He could be both best man and groom (6)
18 Card game appears to be all right throughout (5)
19 Utterly boring (4)

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTIONS

Across: 1 Oppressor, 8 Agony, 9 Hostels, 10 Chorea, 11 Oyster, 12 On credit, 15 Coachmen, 18 Clamps, 20 Update, 21 Dubbing, 22 Salve, 23 Racetrack.

Down: 2 Peony, 3 Rotate, 4 Saleroom, 5 Rather, 6 Corrode, 7 Dynasties, 11 Off course, 13 Conclude, 14 Sandals, 16 Hatter, 17 Barber, 19 Panic.

Govt: Notice on work hours withdrawn

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THE state government on Friday informed the Karnataka High Court that it has withdrawn its May 22 notification extending the working hours of employees to 60 hours a week from 48 hours.

The state government made the submission before a division bench of Chief Justice Abhay Shreeniwas Oka and Justice E S Indiresh during the hearing of a public interest litigation filed by one Maruthi of Deepanjali Nagar in the city who had questioned the notification issued by the Labour Secretary.

IN THE HC

The petitioner had challenged the notification which exempted factories from the provisions of the Section 51 of the Factories Act which caps the maximum working hours of employees at 48 hours a week.

BJP Council plan: 4 seats with BSY, 5 with high command

Yediyurappa has his say in poll, to reward crossover MLAs from Cong, JDS

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WITH too many claimants for Council seats and the number of aspirants only increasing in the BJP, the party is looking at a please-all formula. Nominations are expected to be filed next week.

Since Chief Minister BS Yediyurappa is the undisputed leader in Karnataka, and it was under his leadership that the party came to power, the national leadership is leaving four seats to which elections will be held, to Yediyurappa's discretion.

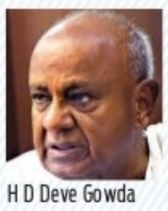
Yediyurappa, who has 117 MLAs in the Assembly, and enjoys the support of Independent MLA Sharath Bachegowda, will be able to push his four MLC candidates through.

One source said that a list of five names for the nomination seats is expected to be sent to the high command. Achievers from among the BJP's ranks are likely to be shortlisted, and ideologues and those who matter for the party structure may be chosen.

Finally, it is the party decision on who is to be a nominated member, and who will be an elected member. Going by the Rajya Sabha election where the BJP did not disturb the other parties by propping up an independent candidate, the party strategy appears to be non-confrontationist. A party insider said not more than four candidates will be nominated for the election.

The Congress is not expected to propose more than two candidates, and the JDS one member. Earlier, there was talk that the Congress support might ask the Dal for its lone Council seat, in exchange for support to elect former PM Deve Gowda to the Rajya Sabha, but sources on either side said that the JDS will get to keep its seat.

Voting will be by single-preference vote and each MLA can choose one candidate for first preference and one candidate for second preference.


H D Deve Gowda

Mallikarjun Kharge

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Eranna Kadadi

RAJYA SABHA CANDIDATES ELECTED UNOPPOSED

Former Prime Minister H D Deve Gowda, Congress veteran leader Mallikarjun Kharge, BJP leaders Ashok Gasti and Eranna Kadadi were elected unopposed to the Rajya Sabha on Friday. Though elections were scheduled on June 19, the returning officer declared the results after the end of the last date for withdrawal of nominations. Only four candidates had contested for the four seats, making it an easy entry into Parliament for all of them. With 117 BJP MLAs, Gasti and Kadadi won comfortably, Kharge too won with his party's support of 68 MLAs. Gowda, with 34 JDS MLAs, got support from the Congress.

Agriculture Minister B C Patil addresses the media on the Land Reforms Act, in Bengaluru on Friday | NAGARAJA GADEKAL

Land Act: Govt tries to allay fears, Cong to oppose changes

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AGRICULTURE Minister B C Patil on Friday tried to allay concerns over misuse of the proposed amendment to the Karnataka Land Reforms Act to allow purchase of agriculture lands by non-agriculturists.

However, the decision taken by the state cabinet on Thursday is set to face stiff opposition from the opposition Congress.

The proposed change is intended to encourage more people to take up farming, set up agro-processing industries and cold storage facilities, Patil told reporters. He added that the state government will ensure that farmers' interests are protected. Pointing out that four lakh graduates pass out from agricultural universities every year and it is difficult to provide employment to all of them, the minister said, "The proposed amendment will help attract many such graduates to take up agriculture and related activities."

Meanwhile, the Congress termed the proposed changes as an "attempt to help big corporate houses, real estate developers and the land mafia". "People with money will buy land and create land bank, while small farmers will become agriculture labourers," said Congress Legislature Party Siddaramaiah.

The former CM held a meeting with senior Congress leaders, including Rajya Sabha member Mallikarjun Kharge, former ministers Ramesh Kumar and T B Jayachandra, to discuss the party strategy.

New BJP ministers take first steps for worker connect

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AFTER a lull of months, the BJP state headquarters witnessed sustained activity over the last two days with two new ministers visiting the premises back to back and interacting with party workers. While Cooperation Minister S T Somashekhar visited the party office on Thursday, Labour Minister Shivaram Hebbar did so the next day.

That ministers should mandatorily visit the party office and communicate with workers was initially proposed by party state president Nalin Kumar Kateel soon after he took charge. But following the Covid-19 lockdown, the initiative had hit a roadblock.

Now, the new ministers have restarted the trend. *TNIE* had earlier reported on how the new joinees to the BJP had been going the extra mile to connect to party workers.

In keeping with that plan, Somashekhar and Hebbar interacted with the workers even as senior BJP ministers are yet to visit the office. "The workers are enthused that the ministers are reaching out to them," said A H Anand, state BJP spokesperson and media convener. "There is no concept of old guard or newcomers now. Interacting with workers is the only way to judge if they have any complaints, or appreciation for us," said Hebbar.

Suburban Rail will be ready on schedule, says MP

PREEJA PRASAD @Bengaluru

WITH the Suburban Rail project cost revised from Rs 18,621 crore to Rs 15,767 crore in February, and Rs 2,854 crore earmarked for procuring coaches through public-private partnership, Bangalore Central MP P C Mohan is sticking to his word on the deadline.

"There is a financial crunch, especially because of Covid. The project will take 5-6 years to complete. In the meantime, our economy will grow and we will complete the project in time," he told TNIE.

Last year, the state government's budget left citizens surprised: a grant of Rs 500 crore had been earmarked for 2020-21, and the project was proposed to be executed through K-RIDE.

Mohan, who has been vocal about implementing the project for the past eight years, found other MPs getting involved too. Calling it healthy competition, he said, "Tejasvi Surya is a colleague who was elected just a year ago. I want him and everybody else to join in. This is not a project for Bangalore Central alone, but for the entire city and surroundings. Rail is a cost-effective means of travel for a city where traffic is the problem," he said, pointing out that he had spent Rs 2.76 crore MPLAD funds for Hoodi Railway Station.

However, with funds being suspended for the next two years by the Centre, Mohan hopes that the financial situation will improve soon. "Last-mile connectivity and mass transport is required. We should not hesitate to spend money on infrastructure because Bengaluru generates 70% revenue for the state," he said.

On lack of policies to support carpooling and bike-sharing, he said, "It needs to be sorted out. We will take it up keeping in mind the safety of passengers."

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Date:11/06/2020 Chief Mechanical Engineer

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Government of Karnataka
Superintendent of Police, Coastal Security Police and Member Secretary to Special Recruitment Committee for Technical Post

Recruitment of Technical Staff on contract basis

The Police Department is recruiting the following technical posts for Coastal Security Police, Udupi on 05 Years contract basis. Details are as below.

Sl. No.	Description of the Post	No. of Posts	Grade
1	Motor Launch Engineer	01	Police Inspector Grade
2	Boat Captain	02	Police Sub Inspector Grade
3	Assistant Boat Captain	09	Asst. Police Sub Inspector Grade
4	Motor Launch Mechanic	03	Asst. Police Sub Inspector Grade
5	Engine Driver	10	Police Head Constable Grade
6	Khalasi	06	Police Constable Grade
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Eligibility Criteria: • Candidates who are from retired Navy/Coast Guard and B.S.F Water Wing are eligible to apply for the above mentioned posts. Last date to submit the application is 10.07.2020 at 5.00 PM. For further details, like age, educational qualification, experience terms and condition may be ascertained from the Member Secretary and Superintendent of Police, Coastal Security Police, Bundar Road, Malpe, Udupi 576108 or from official website **ksp.gov.in**. **Ph: 0820-2538120, 2538150, Fax: 2535100**

DIPR/UDP/MCA/114/20-21 Dt: 12.6.20 Sd/- Superintendent of Police Coastal Security Police, Udupi

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Notice Inviting E-Tender
E-Tender Notice : MRIDC/e-TENDER/ROB/2020/65

MRIDC is inviting E-bids from the eligible bidders for the work mentioned below:

(a) Name of Work : Construction of Road Over Bridges (ROBs) at 5 Locations (i.e. Wardha-Ballarshah Section at LC No. 27 - km 826/29-827/1, Tadali - Ghugus Section at LC No. 39AB - km 865/16-866/1 & LC No. 39G - km 875/2-3 and Warora-Ballarshah Section at LC No. 34 - km 849/28-29 & LC No. 40 - km 866/17-19) in Lieu of LC Gates in Maharashtra area on Nagpur Division of Central Railway. **(b) Estimated Cost :** ₹ 110,99,70,871/-. **(c) Completion Period :** 360 days. **(d) Last Date and Time for Submission of Bid :** 13/07/2020 / 15:00 hours

The detail e-tender notice is uploaded online. Interested bidders who wish to participate should visit **www.maharail.com** or **www.tenderwizard.com/MAHARAIL** to bid their offer. Any corrigendum / addendum to this notice will be uploaded on the above mentioned websites only.

MANAGING DIRECTOR
MRIDC

BAJAJ FINANCE LIMITED
Corporate Office: 3rd Floor Bajaj Finserv, Panchshil Tech park Vinam Nagar, Pune Maharashtra India – 411014.
Branch Office: 1st Floor, No.11,97/2D, MKB Square, Outer Ring Road, Marathahalli, Bangalore - 560037

Demand Notice Under Section 13 (2) of Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002.

Undersigned being the Authorized officer of M/s Bajaj Finance Limited, hereby gives the following notice to the Borrower(s)/Co-Borrower(s) who have failed to discharge their liability i.e. defaulted in the repayment of principal as well as the interest and other charges accrued there-on for Home loan(s)/Loan(s) against Property advanced to them by Bajaj Finance Limited and as a consequence the loan(s) have become **Non Performing Assets (N.P.A's) on 03-Mar-2018**. Accordingly, notices were issued to them under Section 13 (2) of Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and rules there-to, on their last known addresses, however the same have been returned unserved/undelivered, as such the Borrower(s)/Co-Borrower(s) are hereby intimated/informed by way of this publication notice to clear their outstanding dues under the loan facilities availed by them from time to time.

Loan Account No./ Name of the Borrower(s)/ Co-Borrower(s)/ Guarantor(s) & Addresses	Address of the Secured/ Mortgaged Immovable Asset / Property to be enforced	Demand Notice Date and Amount
(LAN NO. 4040HL48766732) **1. Nawaz Pasha (borrower)**, Staying At Nawaz & Co No 39/1 7 Th Cross Magadi Road Bangalore 560023. **2. Shahidabegum Hussainsab (co- Borrower),** Staying At: - No.23,7th A Cross Magadi Road - Behind Prasanna Theater Bangalore 560023. **3.Nawaz & Co (co-borrower),** Operating At: - Nawaz & Co No 39/1 7 Th Cross Magadi Road Bangalore Bangalore 560023	All That Piece And Parcel Of Non- Agriculture Property Described As: "no 802 8th Floor Vobazure Gunjur Village Varthur Hobli 560087"	28 th February 2020 Rs. 86,72,840/- (Rs.Rupees Eighty Six Lac Seventy Two Thousand Eight Hundred Forty Only)

This step is being taken for substituted service of notice. The above Borrowers and/or Co-Borrowers Guarantors) are advised to make the payments of outstanding along with future interest within 60 days from the date of publication of this notice failing which (without prejudice to any other right remedy available with Bajaj Finance Limited) further steps for taking possession of the Secured Assets/ mortgaged property will be initiated as per the provisions of Sec. 13(4) of the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act,2002.
The parties named above are also advised not to alienate, create third party interest in the above mentioned properties. On which Bajaj Finance Limited has the charge.
Date: 13.06.2020 Sd/- Authorized Officer, Bajaj Finance Limited

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(LAN NO. 404LAP34275901) **1. Sampath Kumar R (Borrower), 2. Santosh Kumar (borrower), 3.Satish Kumar (co-borrower),** All Above Staying At: - #3 1st Kuvempu Road Hadosiddapura Bangalore 560035, **4. Srivenkateshwara Industries** (co-borrower), Carrying Business At:- No:15,1st Main,2nd Cross Near Milk Dairy, Hegganahalli Near Peenya 2nd Stage., Bangalore, Karnataka India 560091.	All that piece and parcel of non-agriculture property described as: "h.no. 15/23,kathano-23,8th cross hodisiddapura village sarjapura main road Banglore-560035" north:- road east:- other prop.south:- road, west:- vacant site.	28th February 2020 Rs. 76,02,650/- (Rupees Seventy Six Lac Two Thousand Six Hundred Fifty Only)

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Tumkur Grain Merchants Co-op Bank Ltd.,
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DEMAND NOTICE

NOTICE UNDER SECTION 13(2) OF CHAPTER III OF THE SECURITISATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT 2002.

At their request, Bank has extended credit facilities to the below mentioned individuals against secured assets through its below mentioned branches. The relevant particulars of the property on which they have created security interest by execution of security agreement/documents & creation of mortgage by way deposit of title deeds are furnished hereunder. As the operation and conduct of the financial assistance/ credit facilities have become irregular, the debts have been classified as Non Performing Assets in accordance with the directives / guidelines issued by Reserve Bank of India consequent to the default committed by the borrower in repayment of the principal debt and interest thereon. As the demand notice sent by register AD calling upon them, was un-served/ not acknowledged / addressee left / this publication is now issued.

1.Name and Address of the Borrower: 1) M/s Banashankari Asphalt Represented By Its Partners : **1. Mr. Pradeep Somashekar Wodeyar** S/o Somashekar S **2. Mr. Chandrashekar L** S/o Lakshminarayana **3. Mr. Devaraj D V** S/o Venkatesh D **4. Mr. Jagadish B M** S/o Murthy Office At #1129, "sourabha" Service Road, Hampinagar, Bangalore- 560 104. **2) Mr. Chandrashekar L** S/o Lakshminarayana, #17, 11th Cross, Pipeline, Vijayanagar, Bangalore -560 023. **3) Mr. Devaraj D V** S/o Venkatesh D, #12, 3rd Stage, 4th Block, Shakthi Gangapathy Nagar, Basaveshwara Nagar, Bangalore -560 079, **4) Mr. Jagadish B M** S/o Murthy, #23, 2nd Block, Skyline Apartment, Gangondanahalli, Bangalore -560 072, **5) Mr. Pradeep S Wodeyar,** S/o Somashekar S, #25, Toku, Nagarbhavi Main Road, Maruthinagar, Gangagonganahalli, Nagarbhavi, Bangalore -560 072.

Description of the property :- (Details of Hypothecated Assets and Details of Mortgaged properties of the Borrower) All that piece and parcel of vacant Property bearing BBMP Khatha No. 2/1 and its PID No. 40-187-2/1, Situated at Chandra layout Survey No. 349 to 352, Bangalore, Ward No. 40- Attiguppe , totally measuring 6000 Sq. feet, bounded by: East by: Site No. 2 & 3 (St. Stephen's Catholic Church). West by : Drainage, North by : Road, South by : Road.

Account Number : 30303404258 **Limit: Rs. 3,50,00,000.00**

Out Standing Loan Amount :- Rs.2,89,77,239/- (Rupees Two Crore Eighty Nine Lakhs Seventy Seven Thousand Two Hundred and Thirty Nine Only) as on **21.05.2020** together with further interest thereon with effect from **Dt.22-05-2020** at the contractual rates together with costs, charges, other monies until payment or realization.

Date of NPA: 29/01/2020 **Demand Notice dtd: 09-06-2020** **Branch : JAYANAGAR BRANCH, Bangalore**

2.Name and Address of the Borrower: 1Mrs. Shivamma M S, W/o Late S K Ramaiah, Residing At No. 32/13, Yellappa Street, Chikkamavalli, Bangalore 560 004. **2. Mr. Girish R** S/o Late S K Ramaiah, Residing At No. 32/13, Yellappa Street, Chikkamavalli, Bangalore 560 004. **3. Mr. Venkatesh R,** S/o Late S K Ramaiah, Residing At No. 32/13, Yellappa Street, Chikkamavalli, Bangalore 560 004. **4. Mrs. Gayathri H K,** D/o Hosur Krishnappa, No. 235/a, 10th Main Road, 7th Cross, Hanumanth Nagar, Bangalore 560 019.

Description of the property :- (Details Of Hypothecated Assets And Details Of Mortgaged Properties Of The Borrower) All that piece and parcel of the Residential Building bearing BBMP Katha No. New 13 (Old No. 32), P.I.D NO. 61-23-13, Ward No. 61- MAVALLI, Situated at Yellappa Lane, Bangalore, Measuring 20.6' X 60.6' feet, bounded on : East : House of Krishnappa. West : House of Kenchappa. North : K Puttamuddiaha's Property. South : Road.

Account Number : 30301342054 **Limit: Rs. 30,00,000.00**

Out Standing Loan Amount :- Rs.13,50,389/- (Rupees Thirteen Lakhs Fifty Thousand Three Hundred And Eighty Nine Only) as on **20.05.2020** together with further interest thereon with effect from **Dt.21-05-2020** at the contractual rates together with costs, charges, other monies until payment or realization.

Date of NPA: 01.04.2019 **Demand Notice dtd: 09-06-2020** **Branch : JAYANAGAR BRANCH, Bangalore**

If you fail to repay the aforesaid sum with interest and incidental expenses within 60 days from the date of the notice, Bank shall exercise all or any of the rights detailed under sub section (2) of the section 13 of SARFAESI Act. You are also put on notice that in terms of sub section (13) of section 13, you shall not transfer by sale, lease or otherwise the said secured assets detailed above without obtained written consent of the Bank. This notice is without prejudice to Banks rights to initiate such other action or legal proceedings as it deem necessary under any other applicable provisions of law.

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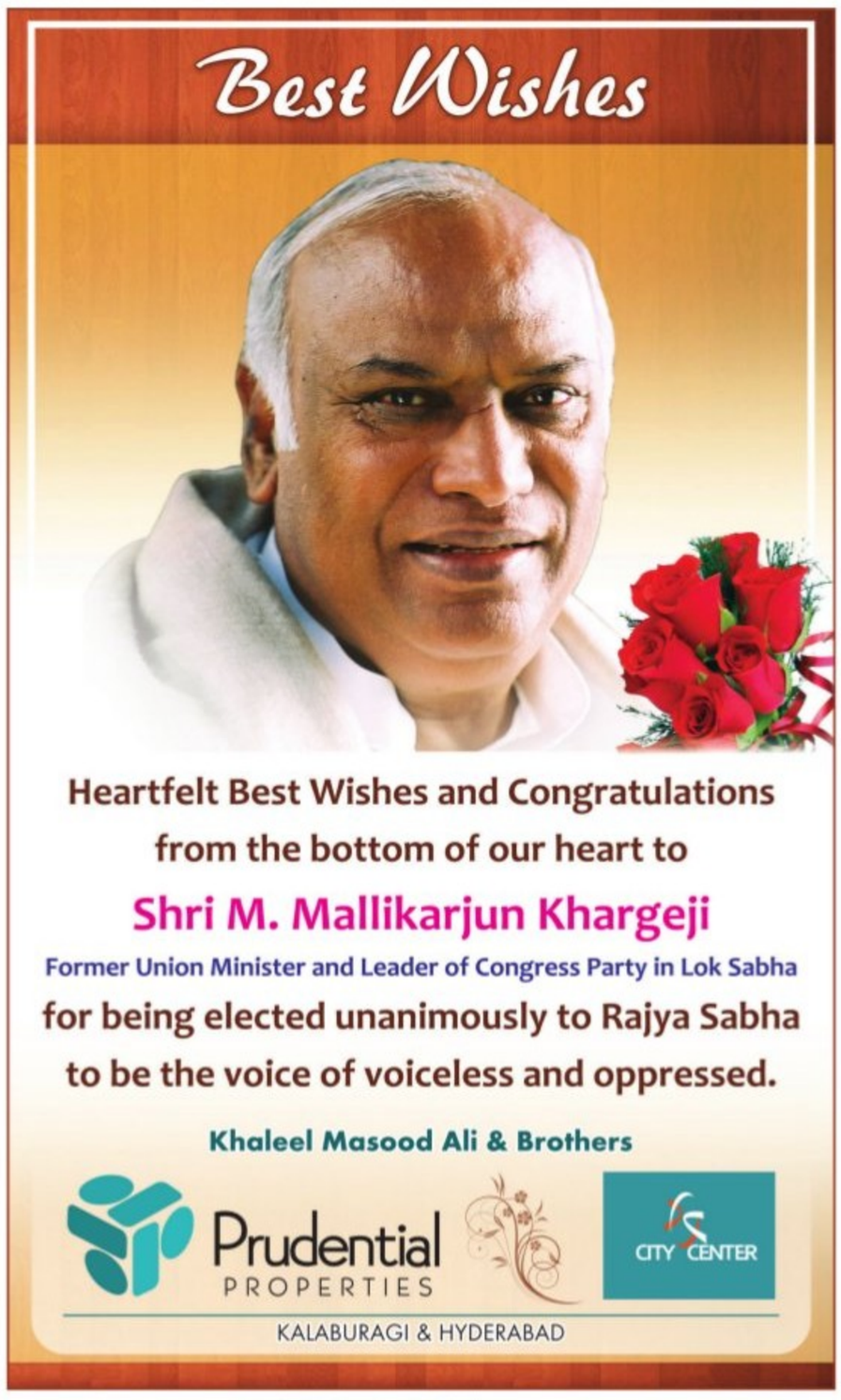
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TRACKING COVID-19

BBMP officials looked for places in Bengaluru which could be converted into quarantine facilities on Friday. They visited Tripura Vasini Choultry, Bangalore International Exhibition Centre, Whitefield Trade Promotion Exhibition Hall, and some stadiums

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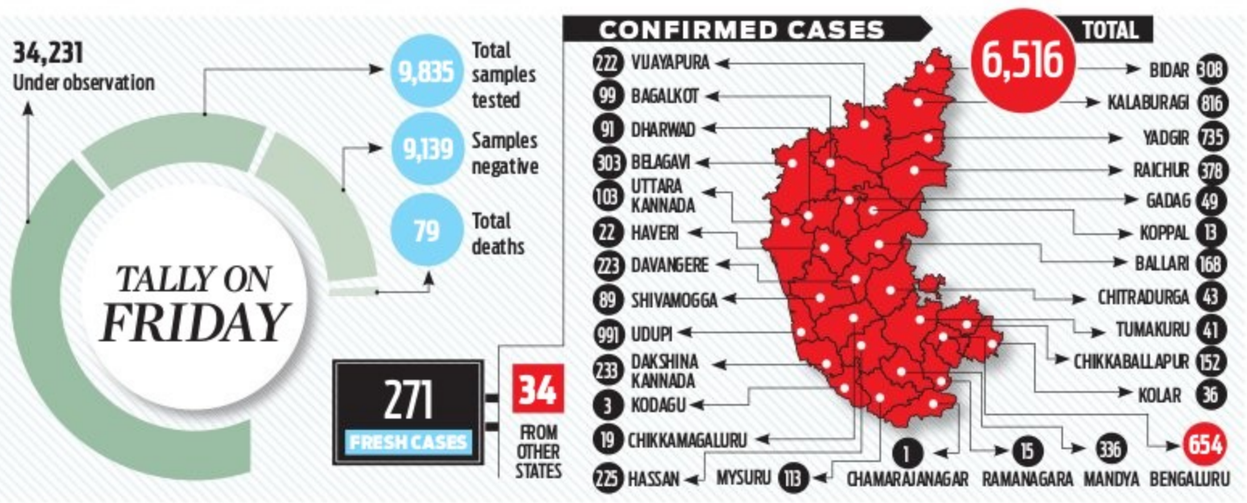

Officials struggle to trace conductor's contacts

No data on BMTC commuters available; locating them through mobile tower not possible; people told to report themselves

PREEJA PRASAD @Bengaluru

THE health department and Covid-19 team officials in Karnataka have a near-impossible task of tracing the primary and secondary contacts of a Bangalore Metropolitan Transport Corporation (BMTC) driver-cum-conductor, who tested positive on Thursday.

Unlike travellers on long-distance intercity/interstate buses, trains or flights, whose mobile numbers and personal data is gathered prior to travel, details of BMTC daily commuters are not recorded. After the BMTC employee — who was posted as a conductor on at least four routes — tested positive, officials are all at sea trying to trace his contacts, especially those who travelled in the bus. Being a conductor, he was in close contact with commuters while issuing tickets and might have infected hundreds, officials said.

Arundhathi Chandrashekar, in-charge of community surveillance, Covid-19 state committee, told The New Indian Express that the team will put out notifications through the media on the conductor's bus numbers and timings. "To track a person using mobile towers, he has to be at one point for at least 15 minutes. But the bus is never stationary until it reaches a bus stop. There is no way of tracking the contacts, unless people come forward themselves," she said.

BBMP Commissioner BH Anil Kumar appealed to the people to report to the officials, saying it is their responsibility towards society. "There is no other way of tracking. There is no solution," he said.

BMTC sources said that the BMTC conductor worked from May 31 to June 3, and took leave from June 4 to 6 due to fever. As his sample was given to Bowring Hospital for testing, he continued to work from June 8 till June 11, when he was taken to Victoria Hospital after testing positive.

He was on the SBS to KR Puram, Silk Board to Hebbal routes, among others. A native of Kalaburagi, he is said to have contracted the virus in Vijayapura, sources said.

Highly-placed sources from the COVID-19 team said that they have given up tracing the contacts since the lockdown restrictions were relaxed. "We can only track some of the immediate contacts which the patient can recollect, but beyond that even we are helpless," they added.

A BBMP worker sanitises a bus stop on Ambedkar Veedhi Road, a day after a BMTC driver-cum-conductor tested positive, in Bengaluru on Friday | VINOD KUMAR T

COVID WATCH

Arogya Setu app not mandatory for flight, train passengers, Centre tells High Court

Bengaluru: The Union Government on Friday informed the Karnataka High Court that the Arogya Setu app is not mandatory for flight and train travellers, but only an option. Placing a memo on the latest guidelines before a division bench of Chief Justice Abhay Shreeniwas Oka and Justice E S Indiresh, the Centre said that the app is only an option, as it has been made in the nature of advice. "If any traveller does not have the app, they can fill up a self-declaration form. The present guidelines are advisory in nature by amending earlier guidelines," the Centre stated in its submission before the court. This was in response to a notice issued by the court on a public interest litigation filed by Anivar A Aravind against compulsory downloading of the app for travelling. The bench directed the Central government to file a statement of objection on the other contention of the petitioner that the app cannot be introduced without the mandate of law and whether state and central governments can make the app mandatory to use any government services. The next hearing will be on July 10. **ENS**

A day of records: 7 deaths, 464 discharges

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FOR the first time, the number of active Covid-19 cases in Karnataka has dropped, although a record seven deaths were reported in the State on Friday, four of them from Bengaluru Urban.

As per Covid-19 war room data, the number of active cases fell from 3,195 on Thursday to 2,995 on Friday, with a record number of 464 discharges in one day. In all, 271 fresh cases were added to the tally, which now stands at 6,516.

With Friday's discharge cases, the total number of discharged/recovered patients is 3,440, or 52.79 per cent of the total number of cases. Among the 271 fresh positive cases, 92 are interstate passengers.

The seven Covid deaths recorded were from Bengaluru Urban, Hassan and Kalaburgi -- all being cases of Influenza Like Illness (ILI) and Severe Acute Respiratory Infection (SARI). This has pushed up the death toll to 79 cases, besides two non-Covid deaths.

Bengaluru Urban reported four Covid deaths. A 61-year-old woman, diagnosed with ILI, a known case of hypertension and diabetes mellitus, was admitted on June 6 and died on June 12. The three other cases were admitted to hospital on June 10 and died a day later. One was a 65-year-old woman diagnosed with SARI, with complaints of breathlessness and a known case of hypertension and diabetes. Another was a 52-year-old man diagnosed with SARI, and the third was a 49-year-old woman diagnosed with ILI and a known case of hypertension.

Kalaburagi saw two deaths -- a 53-year-old male diagnosed with SARI, who was admitted on June 9 and died on June 10. The second was a 48-year-old man, diagnosed with SARI, hypertension and chronic kidney disease, who died on June 10. A 60-year-old male patient in Hassan with SARI was admitted on Thursday, and died on Friday.

Ballari recorded the highest number of cases (97) of which 85 were contacts of previous patients, and 10 were Maharashtra returnees.

Bengaluru Urban recorded the second highest, with 36 cases. Eleven cases were ILI, four SARI, and the rest contacts of previous patients.

Those returning from Maharashtra continued to swell the number of cases across the State — Udupi (all 22 cases), Kalaburagi (18 of 20 cases), Dharwad (6 of 19 cases), Bidar (all 10 cases), Mysuru (9 cases), Uttara Kannada (4 cases) and Mandya (2 cases) and many more.

In Dakshina Kannada, 14 of 17 cases had flown in from UAE, two were Maharashtra returnees while one was a SARI case.

COPS ON ALERT

Partitions placed at Jayanagar police station to avoid contact between police officers and complainants, in Bengaluru on Friday

Stricter guidelines for police: Dedicated teams to handle accused

BALA CHAUHAN @Bengaluru

THE city police have drawn up a new standard operating procedure (SOP) for their personnel on frontline and police station duties to protect them from contracting Covid-19. "There are instructions that only a dedicated team of police personnel will handle an accused and the latter has to be compulsorily tested for Covid immediately after arrest," said a senior IPS officer on condition of anonymity.

"The cops at the police station have been asked to maintain social distance and compulsorily wear face masks and sanitise their hands. The police stations are being fumigated regularly, and tables have been spaced out to avoid crowding. There is awareness about the virus and cops are following the preventive measures, but there is only that much that can be done," he added.

On Friday, the Central Crime Bureau (CCB) office was sealed after an accused, who was brought there for questioning tested positive for Covid. The 18 police personnel, who were on duty at the CCB, have been placed under quarantine for seven days. They cannot go home or report to duty till then.

The CCB office, located in New Taragupet on Mysuru Road, too has been sealed and will open only on Monday. The accused, who was picked up from Mandya in connection with cheating Ola by using a fake location app, tested positive on Thursday.

"The police personnel on frontline duties run a higher risk than healthcare workers. The latter function in a controlled environment with personal protection gears. The police are out there with the public, managing crowds or large gatherings. They cannot do their work wearing PPEs. They have been given masks, face shields and gloves, but the nature of their duty makes them most vulnerable," said another IPS officer.

> **Police personnel on frontline duties run a higher risk than healthcare workers...They are out there with the public, managing crowds**
>
> an IPS officer

The police have to follow strict guidelines in the wake of the pandemic, but when it comes to crime control, "the guidelines are difficult to follow. While making an arrest, a cop cannot observe social distancing with the accused. He cannot get the accused tested for Covid before the arrest," he added.

"Similarly, can the police refuse to go out for controlling crowds? There is an inherent risk of contracting the infection that they run while carrying out duties," he said.

Sero-survey by ICMR focused on three dist

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THE Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR), which conducted its first sero-survey across the country recently and found only 0.73 per cent of the population in non-hotspot zones to be infected with Covid-19, focused on Chitradurga, Bengaluru and Kalaburgi districts in the state, and found the prevalence to be low.

The survey, conducted in May, revealed that in Bengaluru and Kalaburagi, 0.25% of the surveyed population showed evidence of past exposure to SARS COV-2.

Dr C N Manjunath, Director, Jayadeva Institute of Cardiovascular Sciences and a member of the Covid-19 task force, said, "This means that there is less prevalence of the disease in the community. Right now, the course of the virus is six months, while we are in the fourth month. We don't know how it'll behave and precautionary measures need to be taken. In Bengaluru, irrespective of the number of cases, when we graph it against the population of 1.3 crore, we see a lesser percentage of cases. The city is doing well."

Manjunath said, "This is the baseline survey and the government is looking forward for further rounds."

District	Samples tested	Positives
Chitradurga	400	0
Bengaluru	400	1 (0.25%)
Kalaburagi	399	1 (0.25%)

New strategy to get hold of +ve patients

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TO prevent people from escaping after being informed about their Covid-positive status, the BBMP has come up with a new strategy. Henceforth, Health Department officials will not inform a person, who has undergone a test, whether he/she is positive or negative. "Only a message will go out to them stating, 'Your report has come, please come and collect it'," said Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike Commissioner B H Anil Kumar on Friday.

Once the person comes to collect the report, he/she will be kept back at hospital if positive or sent back home if negative. The department has come across several cases of people going missing when health officials go to pick them up, which increases the risk of the virus spreading, he said.

There have also been instances of people under institutional quarantine giving wrong phone numbers and keeping their mobiles switched off. Some people also give wrong addresses. The department will now take alternative contact details for better communication and tracing, he said.

The number of cases is rising in the city because of people coming from other states and ILI and SARI patients testing positive. However, these cases are sporadic and not in clusters like it was in Padarayanapura, Hongasandra, Mangamanapalya and Shivajinagar.

Explaining the biggest spike of 42 cases in the city a few days ago, Kumar said, "It was an accumulated total of previous five days. Some reports came late because of the backlog. Cases are rising because of more testing. Not just the government, people too should play a vital role," he said.

NEW CHALLENGES

POSITIVE CASES WITHOUT TRAVEL HISTORY SURFACE IN KOPPAL

SHREEPADA AYACHIT @ Koppal

WITH a couple of Covid-19 positive cases surfacing without any travel history, including a 52-year-old patient (P5834) in Gangavati taluk, the Koppal district administration has stepped up its fight against the pandemic and set up 45 quarantine centres. It has notified the district stadium, hostels and hotels as new quarantine centres with a capacity of 2,740 beds, and has already stationed personnel at these centres, official sources told TNIE.

Koppal taluk has 12 centres with a capacity of 750 beds where 53 people have been quarantined. Gangavati taluk has 21 centres with 1,085 beds and they have 25 suspected cases. Kushtagi taluk has eight quarantine centres with a capacity of 540 beds and 41 suspected people have been placed in them. In Yelburga taluk, four quarantine centres with 365 beds have 250 suspected cases, sources said.

Deputy Commissioner P Sunil Kumar said that all precautions have been taken to handle any spike in cases. On Friday, the district reported 13 cases with four recoveries.

Health officers screen residents of a containment zone in Mysuru | EXPRESS

Hassan reports first Covid death

ENS @Hassan

HASSAN district recorded its first Covid-19 death on Friday. A 60-year-old man, who had contracted coronavirus from his son travelling from Maharashtra, died at a designated Covid hospital in the district.

Deputy Commissioner R Girish said the patient had multiple health complications, like brain stroke, asthma and diabetes. He was admitted to a primary health centre in Salagame from where he was shifted to a private hospital in Hassan and later to HIMS Hospital following high fever and sneezing. He was then moved to an isolation ward at the designated hospital on June 10. His swab sample was collected and he tested positive on June 11.

The district recorded nine fresh cases on Friday taking the tally to 226. All nine patients are primary contacts of Maharashtra returnees.

CLEARING THE AIR

Revise SOP as it may suggest +ves can enter places of worship: HC to Centre

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THE Karnataka High Court on Friday directed the Union Government to relook at its standard operating procedure (SOP), which may suggest that even those with suspected or confirmed Covid-19 infection can be given entry to religious places, malls and restaurants.

A division bench of Chief Justice Abhay Shreeniwas Oka and Justice E S Indiresh passed the order while hearing a petition by the city-based Letzkit Foundation, seeking directions to state and central governments to enforce the SOP strictly.

Observing that nobody will follow the SOP strictly if it does not have penal provisions, the bench said that violations are not considered an offence under the Disaster Management Act. Stringent measures have been listed in the SOP, but can violators be penalised or does the SOP have the legal force, the bench asked.

Devotees wait in a queue to enter a temple in Bengaluru | NAGARAJA GADEKAL

Violations during celebrity's death

During the hearing, the petitioner's counsel pointed out that social distancing and other norms were violated during the recent death of a celebrity. The bench said that the petitioner can file a memo in this regard and adjourned the hearing to June 16.

It pointed out that while the SOP restricts the number of attedees at marriages and funerals at 50 and 20 people, there is no such limit for places of worship. Clauses 4(26) of Religious places, Clause 4(30) of Malls and Clause 4 (35) of Restaurants in the SOP may suggest that persons with suspected or confirmed Covid-19 infection can enter the premises. "Prima facie, we are of the view that the Union government must relook into this aspect," the bench said.

It said that the state government, meanwhile, has to come out with measures to make SOPs legally enforceable. If SOPs for places of worship are not properly enforced then congregations at such places may lead to the spread of Covid. Since restaurants, places of worships, malls and restaurants have been opened in the state from June 8, all these issues need to be urgently considered, the bench ordered.

The Karnataka High Court on Friday directed the KSPCB's authorised officer to visit 34 sites and submit a report on the status of the sewage treatment plants (STPs) being installed there

ABDUCTION

Woman gives supari to kidnap husband; 4 held

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BAGALAGUNTE police have arrested four people on charges of kidnapping a contractor at the behest of his first wife.

Police said Abhishek (26), a resident of Hesaraghatta, Bharat (25) of Bagalagunte, Prakash KP (22) of JP Nagar, and Cheluvamurthy (22) of Byadarahalli, allegedly accepted a contract to kidnap a man named Shahid Sheikh, who lived with his second wife Rathna Kathum.

On Sunday Sheikh's friend visited him at his house in Vishweshwaraiah Layout. When they had gone to buy fish, in MEI Layout, around five people who came in a car kidnapped him. His friend rushed back to the house and informed Rathna, who lodged a complaint with the police.

Police rescued Sheikh near BGS toll plaza near Nagamangala taluk on Wednesday, and arrested the accused.

"When interrogated, they said that Sheikh's first wife Roma Sheikh had hired them to kidnap him for Rs 2 lakh as he left her after taking her money and jewellery. She had asked the accused to bring him to her, but they made ransom calls to his second wife to make more money," police said, and added that four accused are still at large.

CRIME AND COVID: COPS ON DOUBLE DUTY

With lockdown eased, liquor available, thefts, brawls, abuse cases rise; police advise people to be vigilant

PREEJA PRASAD @Bengaluru

THE easing of the lockdown in the past few weeks saw crime creeping back, a development which Police Commissioner Bhaskar Rao had foreseen, and which increases the workload of police personnel.

While April saw 1,157 law and order cases registered across the city, the number increased to 2,058 cases in May.

At a press conference at the end of Lockdown 1.0, Rao had asked elderly people and women who live alone to be vigilant about their personal safety and belongings. The police had issued an oral advisory to the general public too.

"I urge citizens to keep their belongings safe. Maintain a simple life as it is important to not show your wealth. We are seeing an increase in law and order cases such as mobile-snatching, chain-snatching and thefts," Rao added.

Several police sources told TNIE that with alcohol readily available after restrictions were lifted on May 4, street brawls, thefts, cases under Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act and missing cases are on the rise.

Though there has been some let-up in Covid-19 duty, police personnel continue to keep tabs on containment areas and coordinate with the state government on sending migrant workers back home. They also have to return to regular crime-solving duties, as crimes pick up pace.

We manage Covid issues, the registration of migrant workers, along with law and order cases. This is part of our job

Police sub-inspector

"We have to manage Covid-related issues and the registration of migrant workers, along with law and order cases. We are somehow managing since we don't have a choice. This is part of our job," said a police sub-inspector.

Social uncertainty

With an increase in unemployment, there could be a peak in the number of crimes in the next couple of months, sociologist Dr BC Mylarappa told The New Indian Express.

"There is huge unrest among our youth due to insecurity regarding employment. Indulging in crime is their easiest means of survival since they will be psychologically weak," he said, but added that it was unclear to what degree the crime rate could shoot up.

Soumendu Mukherjee, Additional Commissioner of Police (West), said this is an unprecedented situation. "We have to strike a fine balance while handling cases. Earlier, our job was to enforce lockdown and containment of the disease, but now we are gradually moving into core policing as well," he said, adding that the current scenario is more challenging for the police.

"We have not given any instructions on priority to any kind of work. We have to respond immediately, whether it is Covid or not," said S Murugan, Additional Commissioner of Police (East).

The debate on whether or not online classes should be held continues, but these girls are killing two birds with one stone.They use second hand books to study as they mind their father's shop in Hanumanth Nagar when he goes home for lunch | SHRIRAM BN

'Online lessons better than kids watching TV'

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RITU Sarma said she had heard that online education was not good for pre-primary and primary schoolchildren psychologically. "But neither is Covid-19, nor is staying at home under a lockdown, which have prevented schools from reopening. These are unprecedented times and this is the only way for our children," she felt.

"It's better than kids roaming around infecting themselves or being in front of TV sets or on mobile phones, getting bored. In fact, since these online classes have started, we have seen a marked positive energy in the kids," she said.

Leenapriya Ridhima, the mother of a Class 2 student who studies at a school in Varthur, said, "It's understandable not having online classes for pre-primary schoolchildren. But students of Class 1 and above can have it. My child would wake up in the morning all charged up and looking forward to the online classes. Now that it's stopped, he has nothing to do. The classes could help them learn and keep them occupied. They already have had a long break. We want the government to restart online classes".

Love triangle: Student succumbs to head injury

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THE 21-year-old engineering student who was battling for life in a hospital after her boyfriend and ex-boyfriend assaulted her, succumbed to injuries early on Friday morning.

Monica, of Chikkabanavara and a third-year BE (Architecture) student, was assaulted on June 7. Soldevanahalli police arrested her boyfriend Rahul and former boyfriend Babith on June 9. While they were booked for attempt to murder and criminal intimidation for the assault, they will now be booked for murder since the victim has died.

Monica had been in a relationship with Rahul for the past four months and had gone to his house on June 7. "She had been in a relationship with Babith for almost four years but they broke up and she stopped taking his calls. When Babith learned that she was in Rahul's house that day, he went there. There was a heated argument during which Rahul assaulted her. She then went with Babith to his house where he hit her with a helmet on the head. His mother and sister were present in the house when the incident took place,"

ACB raids 2 more officials

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THE Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB), who had raided 14 locations in connection with cases of disproportionate assets against four officers on Wednesday, raided six places connected with two more officers on Friday.

Following information that the officials had amassed wealth disproportionate to their known sources of income, ACB teams raided the offices and residences of Hanumappa Andappa Prabharannavar, Assistant Executive Engineer at the Karnataka Urban Water Supply and Drainage Board (KUWSDB) in Bagalakote, and M Dasegowda, Special Land Acquisition Officer of Karnataka Industrial Area Development Board (KIADB) in Mangaluru.

ACB officials said the KUWSDB official's house in Rajiv Gandhi Nagar, Gadag district, the rented house in Bagalakote district where he currently lives, and his office were raided. The KIADB official's house in Cauveri Nagar, an auditor's office in Ashok Nagar and another house in Chamundeshwari Nagar - all in Mandya district - were raided. Officials have reportedly seized documents related to several properties during the search and seizure operation.

"Dasegowda was suspended after he was trapped by the ACB officials while accepting a bribe. It was found during the raid that he has several properties in Bengaluru and documents related to them are being verified," an official said.

Amulya out of prison on bail

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@Bengaluru

AMULYA Leona, the 19-year-old student who was arrested on charges of sedition in February, walked out of the Bengaluru Central Prison in Parappana Agrahara, on Friday after she was granted bail.

While her bail plea was rejected by the 60th Additional City Civil and Sessions Court, her counsel Prasanna R had filed bail plea in the 5th Additional Chief Metropolitan Magistrate (ACMM) court, seeking mandatory bail to her on the grounds that the police had not submitted the chargesheet within the stipulated time of 90 days.

Prasanna R, Leona's advocate, said the 5th Additional Chief Metropolitan Magistrate (ACMM) court, which granted her bail, issued the release order after the bail formalities were completed.

Upparpet police arrested her on February 21 for shouting 'Pakistan Zindabad' at a protest.

Quote Express

OPPORTUNITY DOES NOT KNOCK, IT PRESENTS ITSELF WHEN YOU BEAT DOWN THE DOOR

—KYLE CHANDLER

PUBLIC NOTICE

It is hereby informed to the general public that I Gopalakrishna K. M. S/o Late Munivenkatappa, R/a. No. 971/17, 15th A Cross, Yelahanka New Town Bengaluru-64, intends to purchase the below mentioned immovable property from its lawful owner Srihari S/o. M Lakshmaiah, R/a. 73, 7th Main, Lakshmaiah Building, Kalanagar Main Road, K. G. Halli, Bengaluru 560 015. If any person(s) having any objections or claims may send their objections with all supportive documents to the undersigned within 07 days from the date of this publication failing which my client would proceed to purchase the Schedule Property as if there is no claim or objections.

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of the immovable property bearing Site No. 29, Presently BBMP Khata No. 48/48/29, situated at Doddabettahalli Village, YelahankaHobli, Bangalore North Taluk, measuring East to West 30 feet and North to South 50 feet in all 1500sq.ft. and bounded on: East by: Site No. 30, West by: Site No. 28, North by: Road, South by: Private Property.

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Rule 8(1)
POSSESSION NOTICE
(For Immovable Property)

Whereas,

The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of M/s. IndoStar Capital Finance Limited, under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest [Act, 2002 (54 of 2002)] and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(12) read with [Rule 3] of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued a Demand Notice calling upon the below mentioned Borrowers to repay the amount mentioned in the notice within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The Borrowers having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrowers and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under Sub-Section (4) of Section 13 of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the Security interest Enforcement Rules, 2002 on this 9th day of June of the year 2020.

The Borrowers in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of M/s. IndoStar Capital Finance Limited, for an amount mentioned below and interest thereon.

The Borrower's attention is invited to provisions of Sub –Section (8) of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

Name of the Borrower / Co-Borrower & Address and Loan account no	Description of the Security	Notice Date & Amount(S) Demanded
Loan a/c no - LSBGL02917-180002310 1. Mr. Vishwanath Thulasiram (Borrower) Residing at No 3208, 6th C Main, 13th Cross, Hal 2nd Stage, Indiranagar, Bangalore - 560038 2. Mrs. Bhuvaneshwari T (co – Borrower) Residing at No 3208, 6th C Main, 13th Cross, Hal 2nd Stage, Indiranagar, Bangalore - 560038 3. M/s. S R S Transports Office : No 3208, 6th C Main, 13th Cross, Hal 2nd Stage, Indiranagar, Bangalore - 560038 4. Mr. Vishwanath Thulasiram COMFORT GARDENIA, 68/D - 1, Jogupalya Main Road, Opp to Community Hall, Halasuru, Bangalore - 560008 5. Mrs. Bhuvaneshwari T COMFORT GARDENIA, 68/D - 1, Jogupalya Main Road, Opp to Community Hall, Halasuru, Bangalore – 560008	All the piece and parcel of Residential Immovable Property bearing Municiple No.3208, 6th C Main, HAL II Stage, BMP Ward No.72, PID No.72-1-3208, Bangalore – 560008. Measuring East to West: 9.10 mtrs and North to South: 12.20 mtrs. Totally measuring 1200 sqft, the building consisting of Ground and First floor, having built up area 1600 sqft, each floor having a built up area of 800 sqft, RCC roof, Mosaic flooring, Honne wood with steel windows, and bounded on the: East by : Site No. 3209, West by : Site No. 3207, North by: Road, South by : Site No.3199	02 Jan 2020 ₹ 1,68,85,474/- (Rupees One Crore Sixty Eight Lakh Eighty Five Thousand Four Hundred and Seventy Four Only)
Loan a/c no -LSBGL05117-180002150 1. Mr. Chayapathi Muralikrishna(Borrower) Residing at: No 389, 9th Main Road, Hanumanth Nagar, Bangalore South, Goviopuram Extension, Bangalore- 560019. 2. Mr. Venkata Subramanya (Co – Borrower) Residing at: No 389, 9th Main Road, Hanumanth Nagar, Bangalore South, Goviopuram Extension, Bangalore- 560019.	All that peace and parcel of property bearing New Municipal no.22/2 (old No.389), Site.No.389, Situated at 9th Main, Sunkenahalli (adjacent site), Hanumanthanagar, Bangalore, presently comes under the limits of BBMP, BBMP ward No. 53, PID No. 53/177/22/2 and bounded on: East by : Site. No. 415, West by : Road, North by : Site. No. 390, South by: Road. Measuring East to West: (52+45)/2ft., and North to South: (35+55)/2ft.,	06 Mar 2020 ₹ 76,87,312/- (Rupees Seventy Six Lakh Eighty Seven Thousand Three Hundred And Twelve Only)

Place – Bengaluru
Date – 13.06.2020

Authorised Officer
M/s. IndoStar Capital Finance Limited

INVITING NOMINATIONS FOR APPOINTMENT AS WHOLE-TIME MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL MONUMENTS AUTHORITY

Applications are invited from the eminent professionals with proven experience and expertise in the fields of Archaeology, country and town planning, architecture, heritage, conservation-architecture or law for appointment as Whole-Time Members (03) of the National Monuments Authority (NMA), a body constituted under the Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Sites and Remains Act, 1958 by the Central Govt.

a) The Whole-Time Member shall be eligible to draw salary in the Higher Administrative Grade plus such other allowances as are admissible to an officer of the rank of Additional Secretary to the Govt. of India.
b) The tenure of Whole-Time Member shall be three years from the date on which he/she assumes office as such.
c) Any person who has held any post in the Archaeological Survey of India or in the Ministry of Culture of the Government of India or a State Government or has not been found fit to be considered for being appointed to any such post, shall not be eligible to be appointed as a Member of the Authority.
d) Any person, who had either been granted a permission or license or refused any such permission or refused grant of a license or any person or any of his/her relative having any interest in a prohibited area or a regulated area shall not be eligible to be appointed as a Member. For the purpose, "relative" means:-

i. Spouse of the Member of the NMA;
ii. Brother or sister of the Member of the NMA;
iii. Brother or sister of the spouse of the Member of the NMA;
iv. Brother or sister of either of the parents ofthe Member of the NMA;
v. Any lineal ascendant or descendant of the Member of the NMA;
vi. Any lineal ascendant or descendant of the spouse of the Member of the NMA;
vii. Spouse of the person referred to in clauses (ii) to (vi). -

f) The person so appointed to functions as a Member, part-time or whole-time, should not be of the age more than 67 years. The maximum age limit of 70 years shall apply for retirement to the incumbent to these posts.

Interested eminent professionals of the relevant fields as mentioned above may send their applications on plain paper to the Member Secretary, NMA, 24, Tilak Marg, New Delhi-110001 with their Curriculum Vitae (CV) mentioning the present occupation with emoluments/pay Level/Pay Band and/or to attach a copy of Pension Payment Order (PPO) in case of retired Government Servant, explaining their experience and expertise for consideration of the Central Government within 30 days of the date of publication of this advertisement.

On behalf of the Secretary to the Government of India
Ministry of Culture

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SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES THROUGH PUBLIC AUCTION

Auction Sale under the Securitization & Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security interest Act 2002 of the Immovable properties mortgaged to The Bangalore City Co-Operative Bank Ltd., is brought to Sale under **"AS IS WHERE IS CONDITION"**.

Sl No	Name of the Borrower & Address Description of property	Boundaries & Measurement	Amount of Secured debt	Date of Public Auction
1.	**Sri. Thimmaiah. V** No.44, 5th Cross, Deepanjalinagar, Government Electric Factory, Bengaluru-26, No.8, 1st Cross Road, Deepanjali Nagar, BBMP Ward No. 41 of Gali Anjaneya Temple, PID No. 41-16-8, Bengaluru.	**East to West: 50 feet & North to South: 17 feet** East by : **Property belongs to Sri. Hanumantha** West by : **Conservancy Galli** North by : **3 feet Common Passage for Ingress & Egress** South by : **House belongs to Sri. Ramaiah**	**Rs. 37,50,159/-** **(Interest from 09.06.2020)** **Notice Date : 09.06.2020** **Reserve Price** **Rs. 35,93,000/-**	**16.07.2020** **10.00 A.M**
2.	**Smt. Krishnamma. M** No. 369, 6th Main, 8th Cross, M.S.R. layout, Bengaluru-54. No. 27, Old No. 71, 8th Cross, M.S.R Nagar, Bangalore, BBMP Ward No. 4 of Mathikere, PID No. 4-50- 27, Bangalore.	**East to West: 30 feet & North to South: 40 feet** East by : **Site No. 72,** West by : **28 feet Road,** North by: **25 feet Road,** South by: **Site No. 44**	**Rs. 95,86,513/-** **(Interest from 10.06.2020)** **Notice Date : 10.06.2020** **Reserve Price** **Rs. 1,07,96,000/-**	**16.07.2020** **02.00 P.M**
3.	**Sri. Sathya Shankar Marakini** No. 1316, 15th Cross, 2nd Phase, Girinagar, Benglauru-85. No. Old No.845, New No.1316, Situated at Vishwabharathy Housing complex layout, Avalahalli, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bengaluru South Taluk, formed by the Writers and Arists, House Building Co Operative Society ltd., Now Called Vishwabharathi House Building Co Operative Society Ltd., 15th Cross, 2nd Phase, Giri nagara, Bengaluru Presently coming under the jurisdiction of BBMP Ward No.54 of Srinagar, With Old PID No. 54-239-845, & New PID No. 162-W0301-18, Bengaluru.	**East to West : 80 feet & North to South : 50 feet** East by : **Site No. 860 (Old) 1295 (New)** West by : **Road** North by : **Site No. 844 (Old) 1315 (New)** South by : **Site No. 846 (Old) 1317 (New)**	**Rs. 3,16,33,425/-** **(Interest from 11.06.2020)** **Notice Date : 11.06.2020** **Reserve Price** **Rs. 3,00,00,000/-`**	**22.07.2020** **10.00 A.M**

(1) The public auction will be conducted in the premises of Administrative office, No. 3, Pampa Maha kavi Road, Chamarajapet, Bangalore-18. (2) For participation in the auction the intending bidder have to deposit an amount equivalent to 10% of the Reserve price of the property being cautioned deposit. The cautioned deposit shall be forfeited by the bank without any prior notice, If the successful bidder fails to adhere to the terms of Sale, time and commits default in any manner. (3) The successful bidders should deposit 25 % of the bid amount on the same day at the sale in cash/D.D. to the bank and the balance within 15 days from the date of sale. (4) The Successful bidders shall bear all expenses like st duty Registration fee etc., for getting the sale certificate Registered in his/her favour. (5) The authorised officer shall have powers to accept or reject bids or postpone / cancel the auction without assigning any reasons thereof. (6) For inspection of the property and other particular, the intending bidders may contact the undersigned at The Bangalore City Co.operative Bank Ltd., Administrative office, or through phone No.26678572 / 26600512, they are at liberty to make their own Assessment / enquiry about the property.

Place: Bangalore
Date: 12.06.2020

Sd/- **Authorised Officer**
The Bangalore City Co.op.Bank Ltd.,

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(A State Government Undertaking)

NOTICE INVITING TENDER (E-tendering Mode Only)

Online tenders in two part bidding system, are hereby invited on behalf of HPSEB Ltd., by the Superintending Engineer (Designs), Power House Electrical, H.P.S.E.B Ltd., Sunder Nagar, Distt. Mandi (H.P.) - 175019 for "Design (through reverse Engineering), manufacture, supply, erection, testing and commissioning of coated Pelton Runner (Forged) for (2x11.25 MW) Ghanvi-I Hydro Electric Project" from manufacturers who regularly manufacture/ provide the equipment of the type specified and have adequate technical knowledge and experience in respect of all items covered under Scope of Supply and Services in Tender Specification No. HPSEBL/PHE/GHANVI-I RUNNER/2020-3 as per the following:

Issue of online tender documents (bid Sheets)	From 12.06.2020 (10.00 Hrs) to 28.06.2020 (16.00 Hrs.)
Date of pre bid meeting	01.07.2020 (11:00 Hrs.)
Last date of submission of online tender	Up to 04.07.2020 (12:00 Hrs.)
Date of opening of Techno- commercial bid (Part-I)	04.07.2020 (15:00 Hrs)
Cost of Tender Specification Document	(₹10,000+GST @18%) ₹11,800/-
Earnest Money Deposit	₹7,18,000/-

The detailed tender notification can be viewed/ downloaded free of cost from website **https://www.tenderwizard.com/HPSEB** and tender document can be had aftermaking prescribed payment. Any clarification/ amendment shall be uploaded on the above website. For other details on e-tendering, please contact on Mobile Nos.: 82619-22200, 82610-33300 and 96250-33300.

Sd/- Superintending Engineer (Designs),
Power House Electrical, HPSEB Ltd., Sundernagar, Distt. Mandi (HP)-175019,
Telefax: 01907-262596, Email: sedphel@gmail.com

PUBLIC NOTICE

The General Public are hereby informed that, my client Smt. Lakshmmamma C/o. Balaiah, aged about 70 years, R/at No. Doddamudigere, Thippasandra Hobli, Thalakere, Magadi Taluk, Ramanagar District, has obtained registered Sale deed with entire property documents in respect of the property bearing Site No.187 and Site No.188, situated at Mithri Layout, Pattanduru Agrahara Village, Bangalore East Taluk, Bangalore, common boundaries East by:- 35 feet Road, West by Site No.146 and 147, North by: Site No.189, South by:-30feet Road, measuring East to West;60 ft and North to South 80feet, totally measuring 4800sq.ft and my client was travelling from her native place to the spot of the sites through a bus with brief case and lost her brief case along with original property documents. In this regard on 11.6.2020, he has lodged police complaint. Inspite of my client has been traced the said brief case along with the documents the same has to be handed over to the said address mentioned herein above or to my client's telephone No.9902605105.

SUBRAMANI M., Advocate
No.17, Yadava Nilaya, 1st Main Road, 8th Cross, Diwanarapalya, Mathikere, Bengaluru-560054 Mob: 9141933248
Date:-11.06.2020

PUBLIC NOTICE

I, **SRINIVAS K.** S/o Sri Gudisalu Krishnappa @ M. Krishnappa, aged about 42 years, R/at No. 352/2, Behind Hostel, Madhuranagar 2nd Stage, Varthur, Bangalore-560 087 was having the Original Gift Deed Dated 22.02.2014, registered as Document No. 5846/2013-14, pertaining to the Schedule Property has been lost / misplaced and same is not traceable. I hereby requesting the public if anyone found the above said document, kindly handover to me within **2 weeks** and they may be suitably awarded and in case anyone misuse the said original Gift Deed, they will be prosecuted under the Criminal Act.

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of the property bearing Eastern portion of Site No. 216, BBMP Katha No. 295/216, present BBMP Katha No. 216/216/1, Property Nos. 20, 21, 23 & 24 situated at 2nd Stage, Madhuranagar, Soralhunase Village, Varthur Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Bangalore, presently comes under BBMP Limits, Ward No. 149, measuring East to West 25 feet and North to South 30 feet, totally measuring 750 sqft, bounded on East by: Site No. 155, West by: Western Portion of same Site No. 216 belongs to K. Srinivas, North by: Road, and South by: Site No. 217.

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to bring to the public notice that, M/s. Cessna Garden Developers Private Limited, Prestige Falcon Towers, Burton Road, Bangalore - 560 025, through their Authorised Person have approached my client State Bank of India, Commercial Branch, Bengaluru, for obtaining the loan by mortgaging their property mentioned below on the basis of the certified copies of the following title documents. **01.** Sale deed bearing registration no.2396/2004-05, dt. 15/04/2004 **02.** Confirmation deed bearing registration no. 1481/2004-05, Book I, stored in CD no. 92, dt. 02/09/2004. **03.** Sale deed bearing No. BAS-1-00679-2004-05, stored in CD No.BASD45, dt. 08/04/2004. **04.** Sale Deed bearing No. BAS-1-01912-2004-05 stored in CD No.BASD52, dt.27/04/2004 **05.** Sale Deed bearing No. BAS-1-01707-2004-05 stored in CD No. BASD50 dt. 20/04/2004

All these deeds are registered in the office of Sub-Registrar, Bengaluru South Taluka.

The borrower company has informed that the original documents are lost/misplaced and they have not deposited/pledged the same with any bank or financial institution. Hence on behalf of my client, by this public notice, I hereby call upon the public that, if any individual, bank, financial institution or corporate body, has any claim, charge of any nature, and is in custody of the original title deeds of the said property then, contact the signatory of this notice with the necessary documents **within 7 days** of publication of this notice. If no objections are received within this period, then my client will proceed with further loan transaction and thereafter no claims or complaint will be entertained thereafter, that please note.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the commercially converted land bearing R.S. No. 8/1, 43, 44 of Village Kadabeensanahalli Village, Varthur Hobli, Bengaluru South Taluk, Bengaluru, with the commercial buildings standing thereon.

Sd/- **SACHIN BICHU**, Advocate
ELA, 418/21,19th Cross,1st and 3rd Block, Jaynagar(E), Byrasandra, Bengaluru -11.
mail id : office@bichuassociates.in
Mobile No: 7204469316. Date:12/06/2020.

BAJAJ FINANCE LIMITED

Corporate Office: 3rd Floor Bajaj Finserv, Panchshil Tech park Vinam Nagar, Pune Maharashtra India – 411014.
Branch Office: 1st Floor, No.11,97/2D, MKB Square, Outer Ring Road, Marathahalli, Bangalore - 560037

Demand Notice Under Section 13 (2) of Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002.

Undersigned being the Authorized officer of M/s Bajaj Finance Limited, hereby gives the following notice to the Borrower(s)/Co-Borrower(s) who have failed to discharge their liability i.e. defaulted in the repayment of principal as well as the interest and other charges accrued there-on for Home loan(s)/Loan(s) against Property advanced to them by Bajaj Finance Limited and as a consequence the loan(s) have become **Non Performing Assets (N.P.A's) on 3 Apr 2019** with regards to Loan Account Number 404SHL16832238 & on **1 Feb 2020** with regards to Loan Account Number 404SHL17049536. Accordingly, notices were issued to them under Section 13 (2) of Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and rules there-to, on their last known addresses, however the same have been returned un-served/undelivered, as such the Borrower(s)/Co-Borrower(s) are hereby intimated/informed by way of this publication notice to clear their outstanding dues under the loan facilities availed by them from time to time.

Loan Account No./ Name of the Borrower(s)/ Co-Borrower(s)/ Guarantor(s) & Addresses	Address of the Secured/ Mortgaged Immovable Asset / Property to be enforced	Demand Notice Date and Amount
(LAN No. 404SHL17049536 and 404SHL16832238) **Priya Collathur Thirunarayan** (borrower) **Staying At: -** 17 Anushkanilaya 26 Cross Balaji Layout Kagadaspura C V Raman Nagar Bangalore Karnataka-560093	All That Piece And Parcel Of Non- Agriculture Property Described As: "no. 22, 26th C Cross Balaji Layout Kaggadasapura Bangalore 560093" Boundaries: East: - Site No. 33, West: - 25ft Road, North: - Site No. 23, South: - Pvt Property	26th February 2020 Rs. 70,40,471.57/- (Rupees Seventy Lakhs Forty thousands Four Hundred Seventy One Rupees & Fifty Seven Paise only)

This step is being taken for substituted service of notice. The above Borrowers and/or Co-Borrowers Guarantors) are advised to make the payments of outstanding along with future interest within 60 days from the date of publication of this notice failing which (without prejudice to any other right remedy available with Bajaj Finance Limited) further steps for taking possession of the Secured Assets/ mortgaged property will be initiated as per the provisions of Sec. 13(4) of the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002.

The parties named above are also advised not to alienate, create third party interest in the above mentioned properties. On which Bajaj Finance Limited has the charge.

Date: 13.06.2020 **Sd/- Authorized Officer, Bajaj Finance Limited**

POSSESSION NOTICE

Whereas, the authorized officer of **Jana Small Finance Bank Limited** (Formerly known as Jana lakshmi Financial Services Limited)., under the Securitization And Reconstruction Of Financial Assets And Enforcement of Security Interest Act,2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(2) read with rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002 issued demand notices to the borrower(s)/ Co-borrower (s) calling upon the borrowers to repay the amount mentioned against the respective names together with interest thereon at the applicable rates as mentioned in the said notices within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notices, along with future interest as applicable, incidental expenses, costs, charges etc., incurred till the date of payment and/ or realisation.

Sr. No.	Loan No.	Borrower/ Co-Borrower/ Guarantor/ Mortgagor	13(2) Notice Date/ Outstanding Due (in Rs.) as on	Date/Time & Type of Possession
1	30198858960266	(1) M/S. R.K.DISTRIBUTOR Represented by its Proprietor **Mr. K.Mune Gowda** 2) **Mr. K.Mune Gowda & 3) Mrs. Rajeshwari**	**28.06.2019 Rs.12,77,558/- as on 09.06.2019**	**10.06.2020 11.30 a.m Symbolic Possession**
	Description of Secured Asset: Property details: All that piece and Parcel of Immovable property bearing Site No.165, Katha No 5192, situated at Thanisnadra Village, K.R.Pura Hobli,Bangalore East Taluk, now comes under BBMP limit, Bangalore, **measuring East to West:** (56+45)/ 2 Feet, **North to South:** 30 Feet, in all measuring 1515 Sq.Ft **and bounded on the:- East by:** Road; **West by:** Property belongs to Sri Krishnappa; **North by:** Property belongs to Sri T.R.Madhusudhan; **South by:** Road.			
2	30198850002944	(1) M/s. Bhagavathi Enterprises, Represented by its Proprietor **Mr. Balasubramanian,** 2) **Mr. Balasubramanian & 3) Mrs. Vasagi B**	**28.06.2019 Rs.2,96,695/- as on 09.06.2019**	**10.06.2020 1.40 p.m Symbolic Possession**
	Description of Secured Asset: All that piece and parcel of the Immovable property bearing Site No.2 situated at Katha No. 49/5/2 in property no. 49/5 Yarapanahalli village Kannur GramaPanchayath limits BidarahalliHobli Bangalore East Taluk Bangalore, measuring East to West 43Ft, North to South (15+16)/2 Ft, in all measuring 666.5 Sq.Ft **and bounded on the:- East by:** 20 feet Road; **West by:** Sri N.Venkatesh's Property; **North by:** Site No.3; **South by:** Site No.1 belongs to Sri G.Krishna.			

Whereas the Borrower's/Co-Borrower's/ Guarantor's/ Mortgagors, mentioned herein above have failed to repay the amounts due, notice is hereby given to the Borrower's mentioned herein above in particular and to the Public in general that the authorised officer of **Jana Small Finance Bank Limited** has **taken possession** of the properties/secured assets described herein above in exercise of powers conferred on him under Section 13(4) of the said act read with Rule 8 of the said rules on the dates mentioned above. The Borrower's/Co-Borrower's/Guarantor's/ Mortgagors mentioned herein above in particular and the Public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the aforesaid properties/Secured Assets and any dealings with the said properties/ Secured assets will be subject to the charge of **Jana Small Finance Bank Limited.**

Place: Bangalore **Sd/- Authorised Officer**
Date: 11.06.2020 **For. Jana Small Finance Bank Limited**

JANA SMALL FINANCE BANK

Registered Office: The Fairway, Ground & First Floor, Survey No. 10/1,11/2 &12/2B, Off Domlur, Koramangla Inner Ring Road, Next to EGL Business Park, Challaghatta, Bangalore-560071.
Branch Office: Divyashree Chambers, #11, O'Shaughnessy Road, 5th Floor, "A" Wing, Off Langford Road, Shanthi Nagar, Bengaluru-560025

Indian Overseas Bank

Malleswaram Branch, No.162, 10th Main Road, 15th Cross,
Malleswaram, Bengaluru – 560 055 Phone – 080 22950327, E-mail: iob0323@iob.in

DEMAND NOTICE

Under Section 13(2) of the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 (SARFAESI Act) read with Rule 3(1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 (Rules)

1) Whereas the undersigned being the Authorised Officer of the Indian Overseas Bank under SARFAESI Act and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(12) read with Rule 3, issued Demand Notice under Section 13(2) of the said Act, calling upon the Borrower / Mortgagor/ Guarantor listed hereunder (hereinafter referred to as the "said Borrowers"), to repay the amounts mentioned in the Notice, within **60 days** from the date of receipt of Notice, as per details given below.
2) The said Notices have been returned undelivered by the postal authorities / have not been duly acknowledged by the borrower / mortgagors / guarantors.* Hence the Bank by way of abundant caution is effecting this publication of the demand notice. The undersigned has, therefore, caused these Notices to be pasted on the premises of the last known addresses of the said Borrower/ mortgagors/ guarantors as per the said Act. Copies of the said Notices are available with the undersigned and the said Borrowers / mortgagor / guarantors, may, if they so desire, collect the said copies from the undersigned on any working day during normal office hours.
3) Against the above background, Notice is hereby given, once again, to said Borrower/ mortgagor / guarantors to pay to Indian Overseas Bank, within 60 days from the date of publication of this Notice, the amounts indicated/payable as given below under the loan & other documents. As security for due repayment of the loan, the following assets have been mortgaged to Indian Overseas Bank by the respective parties as below.

Sl. No.	Name of the Borrowers/ Mortgagors with address	Total Outstanding* as on 31.01.2020	Description of the Secured Assets	Date of Demand Notice
1	**Mrs. Smitha H.V., W/o. Late Mr. Manjunatha** and Representing her Minor Children Vivek M. & Bharath M., No. 147, Sri Krupa Nilaya, 1st Main, 11th Cross, A. Krishnappa Nagar, Bangalore South, Bangalore - 560035. (Borrower & Mortgagor)	Rs. 17,75,930/-	Property bearing Site No. 147, Sy. No. 39 & 40, Halanayakanahalli Grama Panchayath Katha No. 391/147, Property ID No. 150200402300100424, situated at A. Krishnappa Nagara, Varthur Hobli, Bengaluru East Taluk, measuring East to West : 40 feet, North to South: 30 Feet in all 1200 Square feet. **Boundaries :** East by - Site No. 146, West by - Site No. 148, North by - Site No. 125, South by - Road	18.03.2020
2	**Mr. Nishan Raj, S/o. Mr. A. Sadashiva** No. 418, A. Krishnappa Nagar, 1st Main Road, Near Ganesh Temple, Kodanadarama Nagar, Halanayakanahalli, Bangalore - 560035. (Guarantor)	Rs. 17,75,930/-	--	18.03.2020

* Payable with further interest at contractual rates/rests as agreed from the date mentioned above till date of payment.

4) If the said borrowers/ mortgagor / guarantors fail to make payment to Indian Overseas Bank as aforesaid, then Indian Overseas Bank shall proceed against the above secured assets under Section 13(4) of the SARFAESI Act and Rules entirely at the risks, costs and consequences of the said borrower / mortgagor / guarantors.
5) Further, the attention of borrowers/ mortgagor / guarantors is invited to provisions of Sub-section (8) of the Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available to them to redeem the secured assets.
6) The said Borrowers/ mortgagor / guarantors are prohibited under the SARFAESI Act from transferring the secured assets, whether by way of sale, lease or otherwise without the prior written consent of Indian Overseas Bank. Any person who contravenes or abets contravention of the provisions of the Act or Rules shall be liable for imprisonment and/ or fine as given under Section 29 of the Act.

Date : 18.03.2020 **Sd/-**
Place : Bengaluru **Authorised Officer**

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POSSESSION NOTICE (Rule 8 (1) (for immovable property)(Symbolically)

Whereas the undersigned being the authorised officer of The Bangalore City Co.operative Bank Ltd., A.O., No.3, Pampamahakavi Road, Chamarajapet, Bangalore-18 under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest (Second) Ordinance, 2002 (Ord. 3 of 2002) and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(12) read with rule 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued and demand notice calling upon the undersigned borrowers/ legal heirs to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrowers /legal heirs having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrowers /legal heirs and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under section 13(4) of the said Ordinance read with rule 9 of the said rule.

The borrowers / legal heirs in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of The Bangalore City Co.operative Bank Ltd., A.O., No.3, Pampamahakavi Road, Chamarajapet, Bangalore-18.

DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES

Sl.No.	Name of the Loanee	Balance outstanding	Particulars of Immovable Property & Measurement
VIJAYANAGAR BRANCH			
1.	**Smt. Puttamma**	Demand Notice Dated : **07.01.2020** Possession Notice Dated : **08.06.2020** Balance outstanding : **Rs. 6,05,384/- as on : 08.06.2020**	**No. 43/1, 2nd Main, 4th Cross, Hosahalli, Vijanagar, PID No. 34-22-43/1, RPC Layout, BMP Ward No. 34, Bengaluru. East to West : 18 feet & North to South : 48 feet** East by : **Motayellappa's House,** West by : **Poojamma's House** North by : **Conservancy lane,** South by : **Road**
2.	**Sri. Saravanan**	Demand Notice Dated : **07.01.2020** Possession Notice Dated : **08.06.2020** Balance outstanding : **Rs. 19,33,807/- as on : 08.06.2020**	**New Municipal No. 12/89, 1st Main Kalappa Block, Old Kethamarahalli Village, Sy. No. 63/3, now property No. 16, Yeshwanthapura Hobli, BBMP Ward No. 25 of Ramachandrapura, PID No. 25-4-12/89, Bangalore. East to West : 30 feet & North to South : Eastern Side : 5 feet, Western Side : 26 feet** East by : **K. Krishnappa Murthy property,** West by : **Site No. 17** North by : **Water Channel,** South by : **Road**
3.	**Mis. Shilpa. S**	Demand Notice Dated : **07.03.2020** Possession Notice Dated : **08.06.2020** Balance outstanding : **Rs. 4,32,71,052/- as on : 08.06.2020**	**New No. 13, Old No. 114, MIG, 80 feet Road, KHB 2nd Stage, BBMP Ward No. 21 of Industrial Town, PID No. 21-97-13, Bengaluru. Basement Area: 86.96 Sq. Mtrs , Ground Floor : 119.71 Sq. Mtrs, First Floor : 119.71 Sq. Mtrs, Second Floor : 12.75 Sq. Mtrs, Third Floor : Commercial Complex Measuring: East to West : 64 feet & North to South : 44.9 feet** East by : **Property No. 109,** West by : **Road,** North by : **Property No. 113,** South by : **Property No. 115**
4.	**Sri. Tabraz Pasha**	Demand Notice Dated : 07.03.2020 Possession Notice Dated : 08.06.2020 Balance outstanding : **Rs. 21,18,015/- as on : 08.06.2020**	**New Municipal No. 12/15, Old Municipal No. 12/3-2, Western Portion, Situated at Kasturiba Nagar Ashwath Katte road, Old Karithimmanahalli, Division No. 24, Presently coming under the Jurisdiction of BBMP Ward No. 45 of Azad Nagar, Old No. 45-37-12/15, Bangalore. East to West : 14 feet & North to South : 70 feet** East by : **6-0 feet Common Passage,** West by : **Private property,** North by : **Property belongs to Mayanna,** South by : **Property belongs to Ponnu Krishnaiah**
SHANTHINAGAR BRANCH			
5.	**Sri. Yousuff. M @ Raja**	Demand Notice Dated : **13.02.2020** Possession Notice Dated : **09.06.2020** Balance outstanding : **Rs. 37,38,526/- as on : 09.06.2020**	**New Municipal No. 200, 27th "A" Main Road Huts Colony, BTB Area, 4th Block, Jayanagar East, Hombegowda Nagar, PID No. 62-101-200, Bengaluru. East to West : 7.40 Mtrs & North to South : 6.70 Mtrs** East by : **Road,** West by : **Site No. 205,** North by : **Site No. 199,** South by : Site No. 201
6.	**Sri. Gowri Shankar. S**	Demand Notice Dated : **22.01.2020** Possession Notice Dated : **09.06.2020** Balance outstanding: **Rs. 34,52,444/- as on : 09.06.2020**	**New No. 21/1-1, Old Municipal No. 8/21, Rangaswamy Compound, Venson Layout, Basappa Road Shanthi Main Road, BBMP Ward No. 70 of Shanthi nagar, PID No. 70-48-21/1-1, Bangalore. East to West : 21 feet & North to South : 26 feet** East by : **10 feet Road,** West by : **Private property** North by : **Property belongs to M. Krishnappa,** South by : **Property No. 8/21.**
7.	**Sri. Yusuf Sharif & Smt. Jabeena Taj**	Demand Notice Dated : **22.01.2020** Possession Notice Dated : **09.06.2020** Balance outstanding : **Rs. 15,38,201/- as on : 09.06.2020**	**House property bearing No.11, (Old Site No.2 in property No.57) Bazaar Street, Neelasandra, 4th Cross, BBMP Ward No. 69 of Neelasandra, PID No. 69-4-11, Bangalore. East to West : 30 ½ feet & North to South : 30 feet** East by : **Site No. 1,** West by : **Site No. 3,** North by : **14 feet Wide Road,** South by : **Corporation House**
8.	**Smt. B.R. Manjula**	Demand Notice Dated : **19.11.2019** Possession Notice Dated : **09.06.2020** Balance outstanding : **Rs. 10,84,082/- as on : 09.06.2020**	**1st Schedule : North-Eastern Side of the property bearing Municipal No. 23, PID No. 48-37-23, (formerly property Khatha No.55, Site No. 29, Situated at Labagh Road, Dodda Bylukhana), Now as per Khatha situated at 4th Cross, Lalabagh Cross Road, Sudhamanagar, BBMP Ward No. 48, Bengaluru. East to West : 17 feet & North to South : 20 feet, In all Measuring : 340 Sq Feet** East by : **3 feet Passage left for access to Dr. K.N. Shareef's Land** West by : **Remaining portion of same property,** North by : **Dr. K.N. Shareef's Land** South by : **5 feet Common Passage Access to Western Slum Dwelling Hut,**
			2nd Schedule : South-Eastern Side of the property bearing Municipal No. 23, PID No. 48-37-23, (formerly property Khatha No. 55 site No.29, situated at Lalbagh Road, Dodda Bylukhana,) Now as per Khatha Situated at 4th Cross, Lalabagh Cross Road, Sudhamanagar, BBMP Ward No. 48, Bengaluru. East to West : 23 feet & North to South : 15 feet, In all Measuring : 345 Sq Feet East by : **25 feet Road,** West by : **Private Property,** North by : **5 feet Common Passage access to Slum Dwelling Huts,** South by : **Site No. 58.**
JNANAJYOTHI NAGAR BRANCH			
9.	**Sri. Lakshminarayana. N**	Demand Notice Dated : **13.02.2020** Possession Notice Dated : **08.06.2020** Balance outstanding : **Rs. 75,73,114/- as on : 08.06.2020**	**Site No. 05, out of Sy. No.22 of Channasandra Village, Old Khatha No. 136/5, BBMP Khatha No. 146/5/144, BBMP Ward No. 160,Uttarahalli Hobli, Bengaluru South Taluk, Bangalore. East to West : 50 feet & North to South : 40 feet** East by : **Road,** West by : **Sy No. 22, Block 2 of M.S. Ramesh** North by : **Site No. 06,** South by : **Site No. 04.**
10.	**Smt. Gowramma**	Demand Notice Dated : **23.01.2020** Possession Notice Dated : **08.06.2020** Balance outstanding: **Rs. 3,26,108/- as on : 08.06.2020**	**No. 1587, EWS in 3rd Phase, Yelahanka, Bengaluru-64. East to West : 3.35 Mtrs & North to South : 9.14 Mtrs** East by : **House No. 1586,** West by : **House No. 1588,** North by : **Road,** South by : **House No. 1626**
11.	**Smt. A. Nalina Kumari**	Demand Notice Dated : **23.01.2020** Possession Notice Dated : **08.06.2020** Balance outstanding : **Rs. 10,88,045/- as on : 08.06.2020**	**Site No. 1962, 5th Stage, 5th Block, Sir M Vishveshwaraiah Layout, BDA Khatha No. SMVL-V/1962/2013-14, Bengaluru. East to West : 12 Mtrs & North to South : 09 Mtrs** East by : **BDA Property,** West by : **Road,** North by : **Site No. 1963,** South by : **Site No. 1961.**
YELAHANKA BRANCH			
12.	**Sri. Rudramurthy N.M**	Demand Notice Dated : **18.03.2020** Possession Notice Dated : **08.06.2020** Balance outstanding : **Rs. 2,29,74,142/- as on : 08.06.2020**	**Site no. 183, MIGH 1st Phase, Sector "A", Yelahanka New Town, BBMP Ward No. 4 of Yelahanka Upanagar, BBMP Khatha No. 198/1078/185/183, Bangalore-64. East to West : 70 feet & North to South : 45 feet** East by : **Site No. 186,** West by : **Road,** North by : **Site No. 182,** South by : **Site no. 184.**
RAMANAGAR TOWN BRANCH			
13.	**Sri. Supreet. R & Smt. Annapoornima. P**	Demand Notice Dated : **13.02.2020** Possession Notice Dated : **08.06.2020** Balance outstanding: **Rs. 14,83,889/- as on : 08.06.2020**	**Site No.15, Khaneshumari No. 15/15, property No. 152900401002000259, 1st Stage, Vaderahalli Grama, Harisandra Grama Panchayathi, Kasaba Hobli, Ramanagar Taluk, Ramanagar District, formed out of Sy. No. 32/1, & 33/1 of Vaderahalli Grama, Converted for Residential purpose by virtue of order No. ALN(RA)S.R. 35/2006-07, dtd. 23.11.2006, issued by DC. Bengaluru and by Virtue of Ramanagar City Municipal Council letter No. 167/2006-07, Dtd. 19.05.2006. East to West : 40 feet & North to South : 30 feet** East by : **Road,** West by : **Site No. 12,** North by : **Site No. 16,** South by : **Site No. 14**
14.	**Smt. Parvathamma**	Demand Notice Dated : **13.02.2020** Possession Notice Dated : **08.06.2020** Balance outstanding : **Rs. 19,78,526/- as on : 08.06.2020**	**No. Khaneshumari No. 573/605/28, Bidadi Harijana Colony, Bidadi Hobli, Ramanagar Taluk, Ramanagara District. East to West : 28 feet & North to South : 23 feet** East by : **Raja Beedhi,** West by : **H. Venkatesh's House** North by : **H. Renukaprasad's House & Susheelamma's House,** South by : **Road**
15.	**Sri. M. M. Khan**	Demand Notice Dated : **28.01.2020** Possession Notice Dated : **08.06.2020** Balance outstanding : **Rs. 9,27,137/- as on : 08.06.2020**	**No. Industrial Shed No. E-5, Municipal Khatha No.1341/2047/E-5, Industrial Estate, B.M. Road, Ramanagar Town, East to West : 14.62 Mtrs & North to South : 15.12 Mtrs** East by : **Shed No. 8,** West by : **Road,** North by : **Shed No. E-6,** South by : **Road**
16.	**Sri. Shiva Kumar. C**	Demand Notice Dated : **28.01.2020** Possession Notice Dated : **08.06.2020** Balance outstanding: **Rs. 66,11,527/- as on : 08.06.2020**	**1st Schedule : New Property/E-Khatha No. 20-1-521-26, Old Khatha No. D4/644/2652, situated at 2nd Cross Gandhinagar, Mandya Town, Presently coming under the Jurisdiction of Municipal Council Mandya East to West : 40 feet & North to South : 45 feet** East by : **M.V. Puttaswamy's House,** West by : **Site No. 399** North by : **Our Own Property,** South by : **Cheluvarayashetty's House**
			2nd Schedule : New Property/E-Khatha No.20-1-521-26A, Old Khatha No. D4/645/265/21, Situated at 2nd Cross Gandhinagar, Mandya Town, presently coming under the jurisdiction of Municipal council Mandya. East to West : 40 feet & North to South : 15 feet East by : **M.V. Puttaswamy's House,** West by : **Site No. 399** North by : **Municipal Road,** South by : **Our Own Property**
17.	**Smt. Jabeen Taj**	Demand Notice Dated : **28.01.2020** Possession Notice Dated : **08.06.2020** Balance outstanding: **Rs. 14,70,900/- as on : 08.06.2020**	**New No. 254/A/1669A, Old Khatha No. 254/1669, New E-Khatha/property No. 11-3-520-26, Town Ward No.11, Thasildar Conversions order No. 57/82-83, Sy, No. 191, Ramanagar Grama, Kasaba Hobli, Ramanagar Taluk, Ramanagar District. East to West : 40 feet & North to South : 50 feet** East by : **Municipal road,** West by : **Property belonging to Sri. Sardar Shareif** North by : **Property bearing No. 05 belonging to Mujeeb Ahmed** South by : **Property bearing No. 07.**
18.	**Smt. Sudha**	Demand Notice Dated : **13.06.2019** Possession Notice Dated : **08.06.2020** Balance outstanding: **Rs. 6,46,352/- as on : 08.06.2020**	**Old Khatha No. 214/590, New 123/590, Site No. 21, New No. 123/590, Site No. 21, North Extension, 1st Stage, Ward No. 01, Ramanagar Town, East to West : 40 feet & North to South : 30 feet** East by : **18 feet Road,** West by : **Site No. 12,** North by : **Site No. 20,** South by : **Site No. 22**

Date : 12.06.2020 **Sd/- Authorized Officer**
Place: Bangalore **The Bangalore City Co-operative Bank Ltd.,**

Putting an end to rumours on social media, the Tamil Nadu government on Friday told a division bench of the Madras High Court that it has no plans of implementing a total lockdown in Chennai, its surrounding areas or other parts of the state

ESI scam: ACB nabs TDP leader

Five others also taken into custody from different parts of Andhra Pradesh

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Vijayawada

FORMER labour minister and TDP deputy floor leader in the State Assembly Kinjarapu Atchannaidu was arrested by the Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB) at his residence in Srikakulam district early Friday for his alleged involvement in the multi-crore Employees' State Insurance (ESI) scam. Five others were also taken into custody from different parts of the State.

An ACB team led by DSP (CIU) TSRK Prasad, accompanied by local police, arrived at the residence of the TDP leader at Nimmada village in Kotabommali mandal around 7.20 a.m. He was brought to the ACB office at Gollapudi in Vijayawada at 7 pm where his statement was recorded. He was later taken to the ESI Hospital for medical examination.

Atchannaidu's name first cropped up in the Vigilance and Enforcement Department probe in February this year. The V&E department investigated alleged irregularities in procurement of drugs and medical equipment between 2014 and 2019 when TDP was in power and Atchannaidu was the labour minister.

After the V&E department submitted its report, the State Government had directed the ACB to register a case against the accused and investigate.

It's kidnapping by police: Naidu

Describing Atchananidu's arrest as police kidnapping, TDP chief N Chandrababu Naidu alleged that the Jagan government has intentionally arrested his party colleague in an unprecedented manner with 100 plus police. "Even phone connections were cut off to prevent Atchannaidu from calling even his family members. This is vendetta. He was arrested without any evidence," he said. Naidu demanded that Chief Minister YS Jagan Mohan Reddy explain to the people the real motive behind the Srikakulam strongman's arrest.

ON TRACK FOR A RECORD

Platform extension work in progress at Hubballi Railway Station on Friday. Soon, Hubballi Junction will have the world's longest platform. Once Platform No 1 is extended to 1,400 metres, it will overtake Gorakhpur station which presently holds the record with a 1,366-metre platform | D HEMANTH

26 migrants from TN fly to Chhattisgarh via Bengaluru

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THE second batch of 26 migrants – including five children – from Chhattisgarh, flew to Raipur on Thursday from Bengaluru's Kempegowda International Airport. The adults were employed in Tamil Nadu and a bus shuttled them to Bengaluru to facilitate their departure. This initiative was taken by the alumni of the National Law School of India University (NLSIU), who also organised the first migrant flight from Bengaluru on June 4.

Due to the limited number of migrant travellers this time, tickets were purchased on a regular Indigo flight heading to Raipur instead of booking a chartered flight.

Vijay Grover, founder of Bangalore Media Foundation, who took care of logistics and food arrangements for the migrants, told *TNIE*, "The migrants worked in plantations. A few worked as masons too. The group was supposed to take a migrant special train to Raipur from Chennai Central on Tuesday night but the situation was chaotic at the station and they could not board the train. One of them called NLSUI alumnus C N Nandakumar for help. We decided to help them and the trip was confirmed only on Wednesday evening." The tickets were taken care of NLSIU with the help of mobilised fund.

The migrants were brought on Wednesday night from Chennai by a private bus, Grover said. They reached the KIA airport at 5 am on Thursday. "They were made to wait at the parking area. We helped them enter the airport at 10am for the 1.10 pm regular flight. They reached Raipur by 2.35 pm," he added.

United Sikhs, a non-profit organisation, Nandakumar and Aarthi Challappa, NLSIU alumni played a key role in ensuring the trip was successful, he added.

COVID WATCH

No entry to Guruvayur temple from today

T'Puram: Devotees entry has been banned at the Guruvayur Sree Krishna temple from Saturday onwards, Devaswom Minister Kadakampally Surendran has said. The minister said the government approved the decision of the Guruvayur Devaswom managing committee in the wake of the rise in Covid-19 cases in Thrissur. Two pre-scheduled marriages at the temple on Saturday will be permitted. **ENS**

Patient escapes from hospital, intercepted

Bhubaneswar: A 77-year-old man who tested positive for Covid-19 escaped from a hospital in Bhubaneswar on Friday, giving a tough time for the institution staffers. As the elderly man reached near a vegetable market, two locals intercepted him. The duo informed Khandagiri police and the hospital staffers, wearing personal protective equipment (PPE) arrived at the spot and escorted the man back to the hospital. **ENS**

Minister in quarantine after PA tests positive

Hyderabad: Finance Minister T Harish Rao went into home quarantine on Friday after his PA tested positive for Covid-19 on Thursday. The minister met his PA five days ago but the latter, who developed Covid-19 symptoms, underwent a test which came back positive on Thursday. Learning about the development, Harish Rao sent his samples for testing and went into home quarantine. **ENS**

WORLD DAY AGAINST CHILD LABOUR

A boy sells masks on Mysuru-Manadavadi Road on Friday | UDAYSHANKAR S

Covid crisis forces kids on to roads to sell masks

KARTHIK K K @Mysuru

IT was a scene of sharp irony. Labour department officials flagged off several vehicles to raise awareness on 'World Day against Child Labour' in Mysuru. Barely a few metres away, many children -- some as young as 9-10 years -- were selling masks and pens under the scorching sun.

With the prevailing Covid-19 crisis, Mysuru is witnessing a spike in the number of children selling products on city streets. A few families facing a financial crisis are forcing their children to join the workforce.

Ten-year-old Sameer (name changed), who sells masks with his younger brother on Mysuru-Manadavadi Road, said, "I have been selling 80-100 masks daily for the past 10 days. The price of the masks ranges between Rs 20 and Rs 50. I am doing this to support my family."

Asked whether he was unhappy that he is unable to stay home or play, his younger brother interrupted and said, "Yes, I don't want to do this" while the elder one asked him to stay quiet.

In another instance, 12-year-old Chandan (name changed) said, "A relative convinced my parents to let me join him in selling masks. He pays me Rs 200-300 by the end of the day."

An activist said, "A few people exploit loopholes in the child labour laws which allow the employment of children if the work is part of a family business. Following the current crisis and parents losing jobs, people are turning towards their children as a means to earn some money."

People being encouraged to visit local destinations: Minister

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"EVEN if we offer large discounts on bookings for hotels or entry fee at tourist places to attract visitors, revival will not happen immediately. People do not want to step out and travelling will be their last priority. It could be months before normalcy returns. Till then, we need to look at the survival of businesses. We have to start somewhere. To begin with, we are telling people to visit local tourist spots. We cannot expect international or out-of-state tourists for now," he said.

Tourism hubs like Mysuru, Hampi, Karwar, and Chikkamagaluru which usually see hordes of visitors in the summer months, have seen none in the last three months. Since last week, when the government relaxed lockdown norms and allowed tourist spots to reopen, very few tourists have visited these places.

Ashok S J, former secretary of the Karnataka State Guides' Association, said there are only 800 licenced tourist guides across the state. "They depend on tourists for their earnings and since there are no visitors, they do not have any work. We have conveyed this to the authorities concerned, but nothing happened. Unlike farming and other sectors, tourism has been ignored," he added.

Former Tourism Minister Priyank Kharge said the number of people who may lose their jobs is much more than what government is estimating.

"It's a chain reaction. The government is stressing on local tourism, but who wants to see tourist spots which are in places where they reside? It is the time for the government to instill confidence among tourists for which they need to stress on measures taken and ensure that all standing operating procedures are followed. They should come up with packages to take tourists to different places outside their place of residence by providing safety measures. The government should restrategise", he suggested.

Ex-VCs oppose govt's uniform syllabus move

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Mysuru

THE state government's proposal to unify the syllabi of universities across the state has come under sharp criticism from the Forum of Former Vice-Chancellors of Karnataka (FVCK), an apex body of former VCs of prestigious universities.

The move, which was revived by Higher Education Minister C N Ashwath Narayan recently, has been a topic of debate among educationists. Though a panel of nodal officers has been formed for a uniform syllabus, it had hit several roadblocks including the resignation of committee members recently.

Mounting their opposition at an interaction here on Friday, FVCK chairman and former University of Mysore VC Dr S N Hegde said the move is against the concept of having universities itself.

"It would work against the diversity and autonomy of the universities. In no way it will improve the quality of education," he said.

He said each university has its expertise and area of focuses based on their region and the specialization of its faculties and added that the uniformity in syllabi would kill the creativity of faculty and thereby impact the quality of education.

Instead of unifying the syllabus, the forum demanded the authorities to rectify the gap in the student-teacher ratio of institutions in the state and the UGC guidelines on the same.

At the interaction, they also took a call on attempts to make online education the primary mode of knowledge delivery. Opposing it, former VC of Kashmir and Pondicherry universities, Prof J A K Tareen said a majority of campuses in the state lack high bandwidth internet and other infra needed for it. "Even websites of universities are primitive and none of them have advanced interactive features," he said.

GOVERNMENT OF TAMIL NADU
RURAL DEVELOPMENT AND PANCHAYAT RAJ DEPARTMENT, Theni District
TENDER NOTICE No.2990/2019/D5 Dated : 11.06.2020
Scheme Component of Pooled Assigned Revenue 2019-2020- Strengthening of road works in Andipatty, Periyakulam, Bodinayakkanur and Uthamapalayam Blocks @ Theni District
FORM OF CONTRACT : ITEM RATE TWO COVER SYSTEM (SHORT TIME TENDER)
1. The e-bid documents can also be downloaded free of cost from **www.tntenders.gov.in** from **15.06.2020** to **01.07.2020**
2. Important dates

1	Last date and time for downloading of bid documents	01.07.2020 - up to 3.00 P.M.
2	Last Date and time for online submission of bid documents	01.07.2020 - up to 4.00 P.M.
3	Date and Time for online opening of bid documents	01.07.2020 - 4.00 PM

3. Other details can be seen in the bidding documents.
DIPR/2225/TENDER/2020 **Project Director, DRDA - Theni**

KARNATAKA WATER BOARD
OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, KWB, HDWS(M), DIVISION, DHARWAD,
SIR.M.Vishveshvarayya Road, Jalamandali Compound, DHARWAD-1
Ph: 0836-2213836, Fax: 0836-2748200, Email: eedwdm@rediffmail.com
SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Through e-Procurement Portal only)
Item Rate Tenders for the following work is invited (two cover system)through e-Procurement portal (https://eproc. karnataka.gov.in) from the firms/contractors who satisfy the Financial & Technical Eligibility Criteria(For details please refer e-Procurement Portal) as detailed below.
NO.KWB/EE-DWD/AE-1/TND/2020-21/771 Date: 11-06-2020
INDENT NO:KUWSDB/2020-21/WS/WORK_INDENT2781
NAME OF WORK : Construction of 5LL RCC shaft type Over Head Tank on 15 meter staging, in Navalgund under Nagarottan to Navalgund town. Appx.Amount Put ot Tender (in Rs): **Rs.99,75,347=47**, Earnest Money Deposit (in Rs):**Rs.2,00,000** Cost of bid document :As per e-Procurement portal, Stipulated period for completion of works: 11 (Eleven) Months including monsoon period , Technical & Financial eligibility criteria: For Technical & Financial eligibility criteria please refer e-Procurement Portal.
The details regarding participation in e-Procurement process can be obtained form e-Procurement Cell, Centre for e-Governance, Room No. 141, Gate No.2,MS Building, Bangalore 560 001, Phone:080-25501216 / 25501227, Email Support: hphelpdesk.blr@intarvo.com.
Note: [1] Registration in the Board is not mandatory. [2] The cost of Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) Bid Security shall be paid in the form specified in the Bidding documents. [3] Right to accept any tender and to reject any or all tenders rests with the Chief Engineer, K.U.W.S & D Board, Dharwad. [4] A weightage of 10% per year will be added to the Annual Turnover and also to the value of completed works of the previous years to bring them to the price level of the financial year 2020-21. [5] GST shall be paid to the tendered amount separately. (6) It is mandatory to upload the various Technical & Financial eligibility requirements and also fill up the formats mentioned in various Sections of Bid Document while submitting the bids. The incomplete bids shall be considered as substantially non-responsive.
Calendar of Events
(1) Date and time for commencement of downloading of tender doucment from the e-procurement portal :12-06-2020 after 11.00 hours.
(2) Last Date & Time for Bid Submission :26-06-2020 upto 17.30 hours
(3)Date & Time of opening of Technical Bid :29-06-2020 after 11.00 hours
For further details, the Office of the Executive Engineer, KUWS & D Board, Division, Dharwad may please be contacted.
Sd/- Executive Engineer,KWB, HDWS(M), Dharwad

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GOVERNMENT OF TELANGANA
HYDERABAD METROPOLITAN WATER SUPPLY & SEWERAGE BOARD
O/o Chief General Manager (Engg), PCC-I, Khairatabad, Hyderabad, Telangana State - 500004
EXTENSION OF TIME
The last date for submission of EOI application for EOI.No.01/HMWSSB/ CGM(E)/ PCC-I/KKPN/DPR-EOI/2020-21, dated:02-06-2020 for **"Consultancy study for Kukatpally Nala Improvement from Fathenagar to Hussainsagar Lake to take up various components to ensure zero discharge of sewage into Nala and beautification including survey, planning, designs, drawings, cost estimates for ensuring clean water flow in the Nala"** is extended **from 15.6.2020 to 25.06.2020 upto 5.00 PM.** For any further details, the consultant may visit HMWSSB official website at **hyderabadwater.gov.in.**
Sd/- Chief General Manager (Engg), PCC-I, Khairatabad, Hyderabad, Telangana State - 500004.

KARNATAKA RURAL INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT LIMITED
(Formerly KARNATAKA LAND ARMY CORPORATION LIMITED)
Grameenabhivruddhi Bhavan, 4th and 5th Floor, Ananda Rao Circle, Bengaluru, Karnataka - 560009
RE-NOTIFICATION Date: 12-06-2020
Calling Expression of Interest (EOI) to Provide Banking Service
Expressions of Interest (EOI) is called from Nationalised Banks to provide Banking service to KRIDL. The terms and conditions, eligibility criteria, process of selection is uploaded in the website **www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in** The interested **Nationalised Banks** may submit their proposal through e-Procurement Portal. Those who already applied, no need to apply again.
Sd/- Managing Director

(Public Works, Ports and Inland Water Transport Department)
Executive Engineer, Chikkaballapura Division, Chikkaballapura.
Short-Term Tender Re-Notification I.F.T. No.: 01-2/2020-21 Date: 10.06.2020
(For Building Works – As per Standard Bidding Document K.W. – 1 & 2 in single cover system)
On behalf of the Governor of Karnataka, as per Karnataka Transparency in Public Procurement Act 2000, the Undersigned invites Tenders in single cover system through e-procurement portal from eligible Contractors registered in PWD. Those interested in participating in the tender can submit the tenders from **10.06.2020 to 17.06.2020 up to 4.00 pm. (1)** Last date for objections-doubts and clarifications: **12.06.2020 (at 3.00 pm during office hours). (2)** Last date for submission of filled tenders: **17.06.2020 (up to 4.00 pm). (3)** Date of opening financial bid: **19.06.2020 (at 4.00 pm).** For more information visit website **www.kpwd.gov.in** or contact this office during office hours.
Sd/- Manjunath L.N.
Executive Engineer, P.W.D. Chikkaballapura Division, Chikkaballapura.
ವಾಸಾಸಂಇ/ಚಿಕ್ಕಬಳ್ಳಾಪುರ/ಆರ್.ಓ.ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ48/ಎಂ.ಸಿ.ಎ/2020–21

GOVERNMENT OF TAMIL NADU - **PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT**
BUILDING ORGANIZATION
OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER, PWD., BUILDINGS (CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE) CIRCLE, SALEM – 7.
TENDER NOTICE
PRE-QUALIFICATION APPLICATION AND PRICE TENDER FORM OF CONTRACT: LUMPSUM (TWO COVER SYSTEM)
TENDER NOTICE No.04/ 2020-2021/SE/B(C&M) C/SLM, Dated.11.06.2020
For and on behalf of the Governor of Tamil Nadu, the Superintending Engineer, PWD, Buildings (Construction and Maintenance) Circle, Salem - 7 invites tender for the following works, at his office upto **3.00 P.M.** on **22.07.2020** in two sealed covers containing (i).Qualification details and EMD in a separate inner cover and (ii). Price Tender Schedule in another sealed cover and put into one common sealed cover from the experienced and competent contractors / firms as detailed below. The tenders schedule can be downloaded at free of cost from the Govt. designated website (viz) **http://www.tenders.tn.gov.in.** The tender schedule can also be available in the Office of the Superintending Engineer, PWD, Buildings (C&M) Circle, Salem-7, from **22.06.2020 to 21.07.2020 upto 5.45 pm.** The tenders received will be opened at **3.30 P.M.** on **22.07.2020** in the presence of the tenderers or their representatives who choose to be present at that time.
Construction of school buildings including electrification in GHS / GHSS under NABARD schemes in Perambalur District – PACKAGE NO.I : Slice No.1 – Perambalur, Slice No.2 - Poolambadi
PACKAGE NO.II : Slice No.1 – Thanur, Slice No.2 - Kurumbalur
Approximate Value of work : Package – I = Rs.239.50 Lakhs, II = Rs.354.50 Lakhs.
The E.M.D. remittance and other details can also be available from the Government designated website (**http://www.tenders.tn.gov.in**) and office of the Superintending Engineer, PWD, Buildings (C&M) Circle, Salem-7. Any Changes in tender condition will also be published in web site. **www.tenders.tn.gov.in**
DIPR / 2229 / TENDER / 2020
Superintending Engineer, P.W.D., (I/c) Buildings (C&M) Circle, Salem-7.

GOVERNMENT OF TAMIL NADU - **PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT**
BUILDING ORGANIZATION
OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER, PWD., BUILDINGS (CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE) CIRCLE, SALEM – 7.
TENDER NOTICE
PRE-QUALIFICATION APPLICATION AND PRICE TENDER FORM OF CONTRACT: LUMPSUM (TWO COVER SYSTEM)
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For and on behalf of the Governor of Tamil Nadu, the Superintending Engineer, PWD, Buildings (Construction and Maintenance) Circle, Salem - 7 invites tender for the following works, at his office upto **3.00 P.M.** on **22.07.2020** in two sealed covers containing (i).Qualification details and EMD in a separate inner cover and (ii). Price Tender Schedule in another sealed cover and put into one common sealed cover from the experienced and competent contractors / firms as detailed below. The tender schedule can be downloaded at free of cost from the Govt. designated website (viz) **http://www.tenders.tn.gov.in.** The tender schedule can also available in the Office of the Superintending Engineer, PWD, Buildings (C&M) Circle, Salem-7, from **22.06.2020 to 21.07.2020 upto 5.45 pm.** The tenders received will be opened at **3.30 P.M.** on **22.07.2020** in the presence of the tenderers or their representatives who choose to be present at that time.
Construction of school buildings including electrification in GHS / GHSS in under NABARD schemes in Namakkal District – PACKAGE NO.I : Slice No.1 – Udaiyarpalayam, Slice No.2- Vadugam, Slice No.3- Periyamanali, Slice No.4- Mandijidorpalayam, Slice No.5 - Kokkarayanpettai, Slice No.6- Valiyappamalai, Slice No.7 - Enayamangalam.
PACKAGE NO.II : Slice No.1 – Emapuram, Slice No.2- Konur, Slice No.3- Construction of Taluk office and Quarters at Mohanur, Slice No.4- Construction of hostel building for ITI Hostel at Namakkal, Slice No.5- Construction of compound wall for ITI at Namakkal.
Approximate Value of work : Package – I = Rs.865.00 Lakhs, II = Rs.873.00 Lakhs
The E.M.D. remittance and other details can also be available from the Government designated website (**http://www.tenders.tn.gov.in**) and office of the Superintending Engineer, PWD, Buildings (C&M) Circle, Salem-7. Any Changes in tender condition will also be published in web site. **www.tenders.tn.gov.in.**
DIPR / 2228 / TENDER / 2020
Superintending Engineer, P.W.D., (I/c) Buildings (C&M) Circle, Salem-7.

GOVERNMENT OF TAMIL NADU
TAMIL NADU DISASTER RISK REDUCTION AGENCY (TNDRRA)
COMMISSIONERATE OF REVENUE ADMINISTRATION AND DISASTER MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT,
Ezhilagam, Chepauk, Chennai - 5 . Phone: 044-28528745. Fax: 044-28410577.
E-Mail: tnsdma.director@gmail.com
Sealed Tenders Are Invited By The Tender Inviting Authority (TNDRRA), Commissionerate Of Revenue Administration And Disaster Management Department, Ezhilagam, Chepauk, Chennai – 5 from the Manufacturer having Valid Manufacturing License for Protective Mask or Similar Cloth Products.

Sl. No	Description	Tender Reference	Tender document cost	Tender document sale period	Last date and time for receipt of tender	Date and time of opening
1	Tender for the supply of Single Layer Three Fold 2 Ply cotton cloth face mask under **Rate Contract System** for 6 Months from the date of acceptance	OC-1/1640/2020 Dt.12.06.2020	Rs.5,000/-	13.06.2020 to 19.06.2020	20.06.2020 upto 03.00 PM	20.06.2020 at 03.30 PM

The Tender Documents can be purchased from the Commissionerate Of Revenue Administration And Disaster Management Department, Ezhilagam, Chepauk, Chennai – 5. on any working days as per schedule indicated above on payment by way of Demand Draft in favor of The Director, TamilNadu Disaster Risk Reduction Agency (TNDRRA), Chennai, payable at Chennai. The tender documents are non transferable.
Alternatively, the tender document can be downloaded from the website of **www.tnsdma.tn.gov.in & www.tenders.tn.gov.in** on free of cost
DIPR/2227/TENDER/2020 **Director, Disaster Management**

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EDITORIAL

Unlimited tolerance must lead to the disappearance of tolerance. ... If we are not prepared to defend a tolerant society against the onslaught of the intolerant, then the tolerant will be destroyed, and tolerance with them

Karl Popper

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— Ramnath Goenka

STADIUM PLAN UNREALISTIC IN TIMES OF PANDEMIC

The plans to convert Delhi's Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium into a gigantic multi-sports complex make it to the front pages even when the nation is struggling to fight Covid-19. Make no mistake, ₹7,853 crore is a humongous amount and that is what the sports ministry hopes to raise through a public-private-partnership venture. If the plan materialises, it will be a jewel in the country's crown and strengthen India's claim to become an Olympic destination. Going by the blueprint, the mega project will cover everything that a modern sports complex can offer, from indoor and outdoor stadia to hospitality, relaxation and medical facilities.

There is something equally remarkable about the initiative, other than novelty. As the country stares at uncertainty and tales of human suffering keep multiplying, is this the time to undertake this kind of project? There are not enough funds to sustain the health services, jobs are lost, salaries are cut and prices are rising. Experts from different fields are saying India is heading towards an economic slowdown. Raising ₹7,853 crore on sports development at this hour would be a daunting challenge. More so after even the real estate sector in Delhi has taken a massive hit. This will affect the ministry's idea of promoting real estate ventures within the complex to recover costs. The complicated issue of ownership and partnership too needs to be addressed. The PPP will be on design, build, finance, operate and transfer (DBFOT) basis. Experts believe over 100 acres of prime property in the middle of the capital owned by the government could be more valuable than the cost of the development.

Interestingly, the project is based on NITI Aayog's pre-feasibility study by Ernst & Young and talks about maximum utilisation of space. The study says 40% of the space is under-utilised. What seems intriguing is that a complex revamped in 2010 for the Commonwealth Games for ₹961 crore needs another facelift now. This PPP model is not new either. Even during the renovation for the 2010 Games, there were plans to follow this PPP model, which never materialised. But as the saying goes, the world lives in hope.

SILENT KILLER THAT ACCOMPANIES COVID

Even as the virus load is leaving India breathless, it is also slowly but surely throttling the environment. Yes, the air is becoming less polluted due to fewer vehicles on the road, the rivers are getting clearer as industrial effluents are down to a trickle and there is a worldwide decrease in carbon footprint. But there is a silent killer, the slow poisoning of water bodies at an alarming rate due to disposable personal protective equipment.

As environmentalists observed World Oceans Day earlier this month, there was a disturbing video by French non-profit Opération Mer Propre about divers unearthing 'Covid waste'. Masks, gloves and bottles of hand sanitisers were further whittling down the purity of the Mediterranean Sea, already overburdened by the usual litter of disposable plastic bottles and cans. This is set to increase as apart from healthcare workers, many other high-contact category sectors like airline cabin crew now have to don PPEs. The masks are made of polymers that can take over 350 years to decompose. Once the rains set in, such waste can get washed down the drains and break down into tiny pieces called microplastics. These would end up in water bodies, wreaking havoc on the marine ecosystem. These materials also pose a threat to stray cattle that are known to ingest plastics. One can imagine the disastrous health consequences as many of these animals end up in slaughterhouses.

Further, improper disposal can cause a spike in virus outbreak. Chennai alone is estimated to produce six-eight tonnes of biomedical waste daily. The need of the hour is safe disposal of masks and other PPEs. For instance, the Chennai Corporation has signed a pact with two treatment facilities: Workers will collect waste from containment zones in GPS-enabled vehicles, and dispose of them scientifically.

What is a sustainable option? Unlike disposable surgical masks, reusable cloth masks are eco-friendly. Though not meant for frontline workers, the public can use such cloth masks, which experts have said is a viable option, provided they are washed every eight hours. Research on sustainable protective gear is required to save the planet.

In India, many restaurant chains, government establishments and even airlines serve only Halal meat. This puts non-Muslim butchers out of work

HINDUS, HALAL AND POLITICAL CORRECTNESS

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RIGHT IN THE MIDDLE

Halal is an Arabic word that indicates what is allowed or permitted. A practising Muslim's life is regulated by what is Halal and what is Haram (forbidden or prohibited). Naturally, these permissions and prohibitions extend to food. That is why the slogan of a famous Indian food delivery start-up and restaurant aggregator that "food has no religion" does not make any sense. In fact, much of what we eat is theologically, ritually and culturally coded.

No wonder, last year a furious controversy broke out on social media over the popular American fast food chain McDonald's serving only Halal meat products in India. In response to a customer query, the restaurant chain confirmed, "All our restaurants have HALAL certificates. You can ask the respective restaurant Managers to show you the certificate for your satisfaction and confirmation."

This triggered a debate over whether all customers, regardless of their religious beliefs or persuasions, ought to be forced to eat Halal products. Left-Liberals were quick to react. Shabnam Hashmi of Sahmat told *Al Jazeera*, "It is an absolutely Islamophobic atmosphere which is existing in India now and each and every occasion is used by right-wing Hindus to attack Muslims." Many Hindus agreed. They couldn't care less what kind of meat they ate. Whether the animal they were consuming was slaughtered by Jhatka or Halal didn't matter.

But this attitude of indifference, stemming from a combination of ignorance and political correctness, can go against the very civil liberties and freedoms that we cherish and are committed to uphold. Let us, for a moment, consider what happens when a devout Sikh enters a Halal-certified McDonald's restaurant and proceeds to order a McChicken Burger. If she follows the Rahit Maryada, she is forbidden to eat Halal meat. She must leave the restaurant or risk violating the tenets of her faith.

A Hindu meat-eater, even if not expressly prohibited from partaking of Halal meat, does not have a choice in a restaurant serving only Halal meat. She cannot avail of "Jhatka" meat from an animal slaughtered by a single swift stroke, as per the normal Hindu practice. What is more, she may not know that only meat from animals slaughtered by Muslim butchers is considered Halal. The butcher, in addition, must recite verses from the Koran before the slaughter. The animal is allowed to bleed to death, which according to some animal rights activists is cruel and painful.

Halal meat is consecrated by a prayer to Allah. According to a truly liberal, Sanatani outlook, meat sanctified in the name of Allah would not, per se, be offensive or problematic. However, that would only work if both Hindus and Muslims actually believed, after Mahatma Gandhi, that "*Ishwar Allah tero naam*". But if that were indeed the case, what would be the need for Halal certification in the first place? Muslims would also not object to receiving sanctified food from Hindu temples. Alas, the world we live in is not yet informed by such lofty ideals. The truth is that Halal meat puts non-Muslim butchers out of work. It also results in a gradual monopoly of Muslims over the meat business.

Currently in India, only the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) certification is required on edible products. The FSSAI was set up in 2011 as an autonomous body under the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India. As such, Halal certification is not compulsory. But in order not to offend a minority of paying customers in India, many restaurant chains, government establishments and even airlines serve only Halal meat. If they gave non-Muslim customers a choice, there would be no problem. But quite often, meat eaters are forced to eat only Halal products. That way, non-Muslims end up, without quite having an option, supporting the Islamisation of food and also contributing to a reduction of their own food choices.

> Many Hindus do not care about what kind of meat they eat. But this attitude of indifference, stemming from a combination of ignorance and political correctness, can go against the very civil liberties and freedoms that we cherish and are committed to uphold

When I lived in Singapore, I found Halal ubiquitous even in a professedly secular, Muslim minority country. In college and university canteens, food courts and roadside eateries, even unwashed dishes were separated on the basis of Halal. As a vegetarian, I once put my used plates on a Halal dishwashing counter. A Singaporean Malay lady worker quickly admonished me, "Over there, la, you're not Muslim, no?" I didn't want to argue with her that all vegetarian food was automatically Halal. In the end, all restaurants are forced into the Halal or non-Halal category. The majority Chinese, evidently, belonged to the latter; they have the fewest food restrictions. The rest, Indian or Western, vegetarian or non-vegetarian, as a matter of course, opt for Halal certification.

In India, there are several bodies that can certify a product or establishment Halal compliant, for a price, of course. Many have created attractive websites promising a window of business opportunities to prospective clients including access to the estimated 2.5 billion Muslims worldwide. The Indian Halal Certification Board proudly announces that it is affiliated to Sharia councils and Islamic organisations across 120 countries. One website brags that the profits via Halal will easily offset the certification fees. The cherry on the Halal icing is that such products can continue to cater to non-Muslims.

This is where the Halal controversy takes a more serious turn. The success of Halal certification needs the support not only of Muslims for whom this is a religious obligation, but also of non-objecting non-Muslims. Gradually, even a small Halal-requiring percentage of consumers can compel more and more companies to pay up for Halal certification. This has been likened by the critics of Halalonomic coercion to *jazia*, the "infidel" tax that non-Muslims had to pay in an Islamic state just for not being Muslim.

If Hindus don't mind Halal while Muslims insist on it, what happens? Everyone ends up conforming to Halal coercion. This, to conscientious objectors of Halal, is the tyranny of the minority in which "the most intolerant wins" as explained in Nassim Nicholas Taleb's *Skin in the Game*. If we don't take countermeasures, it is only a matter of time before Halal cosmetics, couture, films, literature, even hospitals and housing complexes, as one near Kochi so proudly and openly advertises itself, will be thrust upon us.

(Tweets @MakrandParanspe)

MEASURES TO REVIVE GROWTH DURING UNLOCK 1.0

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As India moves to Unlock 1.0 and economic activity resumes, the focus must be on getting growth back on track and reinvigorating the economy. A high degree of uncertainty will characterise the new paradigm that the economy will enter, yet it is imperative to take bold and innovative measures to navigate through such uncharted territory and bring the economy back on an inclusive and sustainable growth path.

With economic activity coming to a standstill following the lockdown, output and production collapsed, leading to significant loss of livelihood. Therefore, rebuilding and restoring lives and livelihood should be the foremost priority as the economy reopens.

The pandemic brought to the forefront the plight of the migrants and daily wage workers, a majority of whom are dependent on earnings based on daily work for their livelihood. With almost 80% of employment in India in the unorganised sector, there is an urgent need for considering a social security net to protect the livelihood of these workers. This will need to be carefully balanced against the available resources with the government.

Immediate and short-term measures to address greater formalisation of the economy must be stepped up through labour and regulatory reforms, which in turn would help in creating greater employment and encourage small enterprises to move towards the formal sector.

With the country witnessing reverse migration for the first time, there is scope for creating more geographically distributed models of development and an opportunity for redefining investment priorities. Multiple opportunities exist across sectors such as allied products and food processing, coal and mining, traditional Indian handicrafts, etc.

Investments in rural health and infrastructure along with strengthening rural digital programmes and platforms could pave the way for a robust rural ecosystem. Industries along with state governments can be encouraged to set up facilities in rural areas, which in turn will generate jobs and strengthen the rural sector's share in the GDP.

Though the outbreak pervaded almost every aspect of the economy, it is primarily a health crisis and possibly one of the biggest that the world has seen, with even the most sophisticated health systems in the advanced nations struggling to tackle the disaster. In the case of India, where the public spending on health still continues to be low at 1.3% of GDP, this crisis has heightened the need for building a robust healthcare system by stepping up investments in health infrastructure.

India needs to raise its public health spending to at least 3% of GDP, in line with its peers. At the same time, the focus must also be on formulating a long-term strategy to boost the immunity of the population through high quality preventive public health, entailing investments in better nutrition, and maternal and child care.

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Education will play a key role in ramping up India's healthcare as also in building a productive economy. This is the right time for India to boost its e-education and e-healthcare systems with the help of digital tools for delivering quality and low-cost healthcare alongside traditional modes of delivery. At the same time, greater attention to R&D will be critical to build innovative tools and new methods of healthcare delivery.

Along with investments in health and education, Mother Nature is a priority area. The impact of the containment measures during the lockdown became evident on climate change, with countries reporting improved air quality and lower CO_2 emissions due to lower mobility of people. At the same time, Covid-19, along with the increased incidence of other natural calamities such as the recent cyclones and pest attacks, has shown us that we are staring at a future climate change crisis. Thus, the current time should be utilised as an opportunity to deepen our efforts in climate change mitigation and improving Mother Nature's balance.

Boosting government spending for a sustained economic recovery is crucial at this hour. Given that the government is fiscally constrained, its efforts to provide stimulus to the economy, for example, in the form of 100% credit guarantee to MSMEs and various other recent measures, are commendable. More such measures will be needed in the future, but at the same time, the balance between fiscal spending and financial stability will have to be ensured.

While investment-friendly policies would be required for stepping up private investments, higher investments in science and technology would be critical to ensure India's competitiveness. At the same time, India needs to boost its exports, both for manufactured goods and services and for greater integration with the global value chains. Greater collaboration between industry, academia, start-ups and the government would be required to create a sustainable and innovative ecosystem that benefits all.

With the first phase of Unlock already underway, challenges for the Indian economy are many. With the pandemic causing significant distress to individuals and businesses, the role of industry-government partnerships will assume a key role in restarting the key engines of growth, as we build a self-reliant India that is competitive but is also engaged with the world.

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No lessons learnt

This is with reference to *Kerala's new dam project is unwanted and untimely* (Jun 12). The editorial, which speaks out against the Athirappilly dam, makes a valid point. Despite the colossal havoc caused by the recent deluges, we regrettably seem to have learnt nothing.

Cicily Thomas, Muvattupuzha

Avoid ecological damage

The plan for a new dam across the Chalakudy river for a hydroelectric project is not needed right now. There will be great ecological damage if the plan is put into action. Instead of constructing a dam, the Kerala government should focus on fighting the pandemic.

S Chockalingam, Kottaram

Path-breaking move

The Supreme Court's refusal to entertain petitions seeking 50% reservation for OBCs for state-surrendered seats in the all India quota for medical degrees is a path-breaking move. This will pave the way for improved quality of professional education in the country.

K V Raghuram, Wayanad

Might not change anything

Reservation was brought in by the Constitution makers to ameliorate the conditions of weaker sections of society, but it was initially envisaged only for 10 years. Due to politicisation, this has been forgotten. Even the SC judgment might remain only on paper, with the ground realities unchanged.

Hemanth D Pai, Bengaluru

Verdict disappointing

It is disappointing that the SC has rejected the pleas of some political leaders in TN as reservation is not a fundamental right. But it is a constitutional right given by both the state and Centre. The apex court should have considered that aspect.

D Pazhanivel, Thiruvarur

Onus now on people

This is with reference to *Covid fight: AP has done well till now* (Jun 12). As the editorial rightly said, the onus is now on the public. People must not only cooperate with the government's rules but also caution others who may be violating the social distancing and hand washing norms, or not wearing a mask.

K Nehru Patnaik, Vizag

A loss for India

This is with reference to *The grand betrayal: A year of broken trust* (Jun 12). The author has highlighted how our PM has lost the trust of many Indians. It is sad, as this is a loss that our country can ill afford right now.

Ravi Katari, Chennai

Lockdown was needed then

While the author has the right to criticise the functioning of the Centre, his observations about its handling of Covid are untenable. The pandemic has paralysed even developed countries. India, with such a large population, deserves praise for limiting the number of cases and deaths to what they are now. An emergency lockdown was inevitable.

R Krishnamachary, Chennai

Shameful in a democracy

Another Rajya Sabha poll is around the corner, and the Congress in Rajasthan is herding its MLAs to resorts, fearing the BJP will lure them into defecting. This is shameful. A provision must be included to ensure no elected representative can switch allegiance without quitting.

Pious Alummoottil, Udayamperoor

Not a good idea

The special software to identify those travelling in vehicles without masks may be a breakthrough in artificial intelligence, but members of a family travelling in a car without masks would be needlessly fined. It will fill depleted state coffers, but won't do any good for the economy limping back to normalcy.

Nebu George, Pottamkulam

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Some news channels speaking about lockdown being reimposed... But the govt has not taken any such decision

— Uddhav Thackeray, Maharashtra CM

MORE DEATHS

Rajasthan registered four Covid-19 deaths and 92 fresh cases of the coronavirus on Friday. The number of fatalities has climbed to 269

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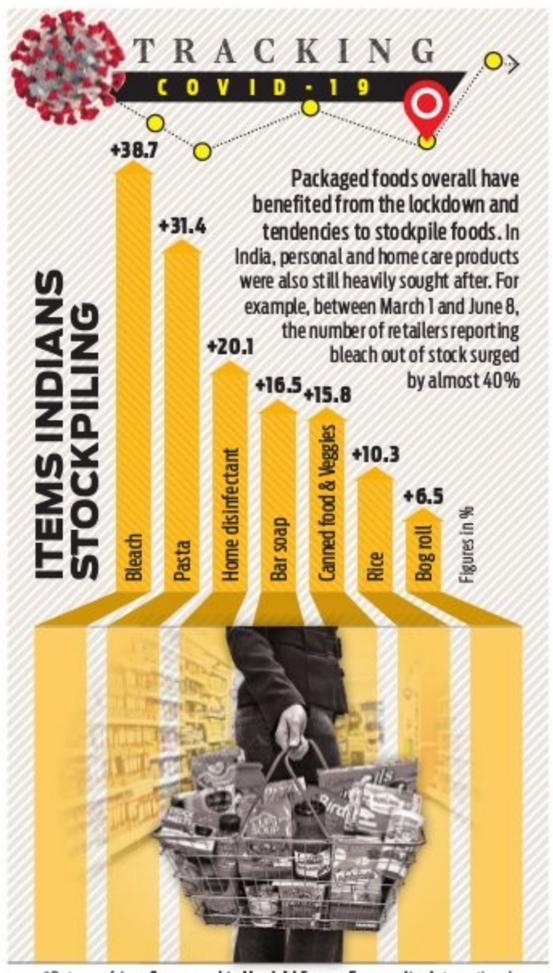
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Pasta
Home disinfectant
Bar soap
Canned food & Veggies
Rice
Bog roll
Figures in %
Packaged foods overall have benefited from the lockdown and tendencies to stockpile foods. In India, personal and home care products were also still heavily sought after. For example, between March 1 and June 8, the number of retailers reporting bleach out of stock surged by almost 40%

*Data as of June 8 compared to March 1 | Source: Euromonitor International

Based on govt figures that 3-4% of active cases need ICU in hospitals, study estimates that by July 24, there would be 30,000-40,000 patients requiring intensive care against 32K dedicated beds

India may run out of Corona ICU beds by July-end: Study

SUMI SUKANYA DUTTA @ New Delhi

INDIA may run out of intensive care unit (ICU) beds for Covid-19 patients by July end as the number of patients who require the facility may exceed its existing inventory of about 32,000 dedicated beds if the current epidemic growth pattern continues and the proportion of patients needing ICU remains unchanged.

A statistical analysis by researchers at the Institute of Mathematical Sciences in Chennai shows that the country could have over 10 lakh active cases by July end or even sooner, considering the current reproductive factor of 1.22 for the Covid-19.

Based on the government figures that 3-4 per cent of active cases need ICU care in hospitals, the researchers have estimated that by July 24, there would be 30,000-40,000 Covid-19 patients requiring ICU in the country.

According to the latest figures shared by the Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, there are total 32,362 ICU beds in the country dedicated for Covid-19 patients, apart from 1,20,104 oxygen supported beds and 8,91,828 isolation beds

"Since now there is so much relaxation given in the lockdown norms, a reproductive factor of the Covid-19 pathogen could go up and about a million active cases that we are expecting at current growth rate could actually happen sooner, maybe by mid-July itself," said Sitabhra Sinha, a biophysicist at the IMC who has done the analysis.

"I have seen lousy response from both Centre and most states thus far," said Dr Shikha Panwar, a critical care specialist in a private hospital in Faridabad where dedicated ICU beds are full with Covid-19 patients.

"It's simply not possible to create advanced health facilities like ICU beds overnight and get trained manpower, but even out of the box ideas like converting unused public and private places into makeshift hospitals is not happening on the ground fast enough," she said.

Sujatha K Rao, former Union health secretary, echoed the sentiments. "Every country has limitations and it is difficult to create ICUs in the short run. Also, it's not a question of beds alone but accompanying manpower and equipment as well," she said.

A 97-year-old shows victory sign after recovering from Covid-19 at a hospital in Agra | PTI

She cited the example of Delhi — a badly hit state where the state government has projected that 80,000 hospital beds would be needed for Covid-19 patients alone as the total cases could go up to 5.5 lakh by July end suggesting that states will have to focus on spreading out infection and catering to the deluge of patients could be simply impossible.

Dr Raymond Savio, an intensivist in Chennai, said considering that sick patients take longer times to recovery, critical care units could soon be stretched to their capacity. "While there is no need to panic at the moment the real key to this lies in the hands of people. The so-called unlock should be observed with greater discipline than during the lockdown," he emphasised.

Keshav Desiraju, who has also been a Union health secretary, said: "There has to be a realistic projection of beds required across all categories... Governments should acquire private hospitals if the need arises."

958 dedicated Covid hospitals with 1,67,883 isolation beds, 21,614 ICU beds and 73,469 oxygen supported beds | **2,313** dedicated Covid centres with 1,33,037 isolation beds, 10,748 ICU beds and 46,635 oxygen supported beds | **7,525** Covid care centres with 7,10,642 beds | **21,494** Covid beds against ventilators

WAGE PAYMENTS

SC allows private firms to negotiate with staff

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

THE Supreme Court on Friday said private establishments can negotiate with employees and reach a settlement on payment of wages, regardless of the March 29 notification by the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) that ordered companies to pay full wages to employees during the lockdown period.

A bench headed by Justice Ashok Bhushan also directed that, in the meantime, its order barring coercive action against employers who failed to comply with the MHA notification will continue to remain in force.

"No industry can survive without the workers. Thus, employers and employees need to negotiate and settle among themselves. If they are not able to settle it among themselves, they need to approach the labour authorities concerned to sort the issues out," the court observed.

It added that the employers working at limited capacity during the lockdown can also enter into a negotiation. It further said that employees can be allowed to come back to work without prejudice to the ongoing negotiation.

The central government has also been asked to file a detailed reply to the petitions by the end of July, when the matter will be heard next.

Work under MGNREGS sees 84% rise in June

New Delhi: The Mahatma Gandhi Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS) has seen an 84 per cent rise in the work allotted in June in comparison to the period last year. According to statistics of the rural development ministry, the average number of workers working under the scheme in June is 3.42 crore, while 1.86 crore people benefitted under the scheme in June last year. A total of 2.51 crore people were allotted MGNREGS work in May, 73 per cent higher than the average figure of 1.45 crore in May last year. Officials say that wages of the workers are directly deposited into bank accounts and nearly ₹31,500 crore was released for the same.On May 17, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman announced an allocation of ₹40,000 crore for the scheme. This amount is part of the ₹20 lakh crore economic stimulus package announced by the government.

NAMAZ AMID STORM

Canopies fall on children offering namaz at Khairuddin Jama Masjid after a sudden storm in Amritsar on Friday | PTI

DBT invites proposals on Corona drugs from plants

New Delhi: With researchers across the world working on developing vaccines for the Covid-19, India too is looking for its drugs from medicinal and aromatic plants and has invited proposals from experts for anti-SARS-CoV-2 virus using botanicals and traditional formulations. According to the Department of Biotechnology (DBT), some traditional medicines appear to be effective in treating viral infection by enhancing the immunity of the body against virus and also, they are a potential source of antiviral drugs and various bioactive compounds. To manage coronavirus pandemic through the application of medicinal and aromatic plants, the department has invited project proposals from industry and academia. "Randomised clinical trials suggest the possibility to obtain natural product to treat viral infections and its complications from traditional medicinal plants.

Government in no hurry on resuming Parliament session

New Delhi: Even while the presiding officers of the two Houses of the Parliament are exploring ways to hold the monsoon session, the government appears to be in no hurry since the six-month window between two sessions gives space till September. With the government banking on the Ordinance routes for urgent legislative business, the emerging view appears to be patient with time. The government as of now has not decided to hold an all party meeting through video conference, sources said, while adding that the political leaders would be consulted at an appropriate time. The offices of the secretary generals of the two Houses of Parliament have so far on the directions of the Rajya Sabha Chairman M Venkaiah Naidu and Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla have been looking at various possibilities of holding the Monsoon session by complying with the social distancing norms. However, the feasibility of such prospects appears to be remote.

Don't stop trucks with essential services Centre to states, UTs

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

THE Centre on Friday asked the states and UTs to ensure that the night curfew between 9 pm and 5 am does not hamper supply chains and logistics, observing that some states/UTs are restricting the loading and unloading of goods during the night hours.

The restrictions are meant to prevent congregations and social distancing, but it does not apply to essential services, Union Home Secretary Ajay Bhalla clarified.

In a letter to all the states and Union Territories, Bhalla said that movement of people will remain strictly prohibited across the country from 9 pm to 5 am during the ongoing 'Unlock 1', but there are no restrictions on plying of buses with passengers and goods trucks on highways.

Bhalla said that the purpose of restricting movement of individuals during the night was primarily intended at preventing congregation of people and ensuring social distancing, but not hampering supply chains and logistics.

The MHA has noticed that some states and Union territories (UTs) are restricting movement of people and vehicles on highways between 9 pm and 5 am, which is hindering their smooth passage, Bhalla said.

"The restriction does not apply to instances of loading/unloading of goods (as part of supply chains and logistics); buses carrying persons and trucks and goods carriers plying on state and national highways; or persons travelling to their destinations after disembarking from buses, trains and flights," Bhalla said. The Union home secretary said, accordingly, states and UTs are advised not to prevent such movement. Necessary instructions to this effect should be issued to district and local authorities, he said.

The nationwide lockdown was first announced by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on March 24 for 21 days in a bid to contain the spread of the novel coronavirus.

The lockdown is now restricted mostly to containment zones across the country and will continue till June 30.

On March 18, the government had suspended visa-free entry facility granted to overseas citizen of India card holders.| EXPRESS

Now, certain categories of foreigners can enter India

SANA SHAKIL @ New Delhi

THREE months after prohibiting foreigners from entering India due to the Covid-19, the Centre on Friday lifted curbs on the entry of five categories of foreign nationals.

Foreigners who are minor children and have at least one parent who is an Indian citizen or an OCI card holder, foreigners married to Indian citizens, foreigners who are single parents of minor children holding Indian passports or OCI cards, students who are foreign nationals where at least one of their parents is an Indian citizen or an OCI card holder are now allowed to come to the country.

Foreigners holding a valid long term multiple entry visa of appropriate category issued by Indian missions abroad shall have to get the visa revalidated from Indian missions

The MHA order

The MHA also permitted another category of foreign nationals to visit India — dependent family members of foreign diplomats and official/service passport holding service staff accredited to foreign diplomatic missions, consular offices or accredited international organisations in India. The order issued by the foreigners division of MHA specified that the five categories of foreigners will have to obtain a fresh visa of appropriate category from Indian missions/posts abroad. "Foreigners holding a valid long term multiple entry visa of appropriate category issued by the Indian missions/posts abroad shall have to get the visa revalidated from Indian missions/posts concerned. Such foreign nationals will not be permitted to travel to India on the strength of any electronic visa obtained," the order stated.

On March 12, the government suspended all tourist and student visas as well as the visa-free entry of Persons of Indian Origin card holders beginning March 13, 2020. On March 18, it suspended visa-free entry facility granted to overseas citizen of India cardholders.

Rahul: Tolerance is disappearing from India

NEW DELHI: Attacking the Centre over its Covid-19 handling, Congress leader Rahul Gandhi Friday said it took the unilateral decision of world's most rigorous lockdown.

In an interaction with US diplomat Nicholas Burns, Gandhi said he was saddened that tolerance and acceptance of new ideas were disappearing from India.

"You do the biggest lockdown in the world, most rigorous lockdown in the world and then you have millions of manual labourers walking thousands of kilometres back home. So, it is this unilateral, episodic type of leadership, where you just come in and do something and go away. It is very destructive. But it is the flavour of the time; that is the unfortunate thing," he said.

On the India-US ties, Gandhi said partnership between two countries works because of tolerant systems. "We are a very tolerant nation. Our DNA is supposed to be tolerant. We are supposed to accept new ideas. We are supposed to be open but the surprising thing is that DNA, that open DNA, is sort of disappearing. I don't see it in the US and I don't see it in India," he added. *ENS*

MULTIPLE ROLES

Bureaucrats with MBBS degree may be roped in to help doctors

NEW DELHI: The Centre is mulling over taking the help of the IAS and IPS officers who have medical degree and may ask them to coordinate with healthcare officials in the Covid-19 designated hospitals amid rising cases across the country. The ministry of personnel is creating a database of the bureaucrats with at least the MBBS degree to deploy them in managing the crisis.

Government sources there had always been a realisation that administrative skills combined with medical expertise are the need of the hour to deal with such a challenge. They added that keeping this in mind, it has been decided to rope in the officers, as positive cases are adding up at a rate of around 10,000 per day.

Officials at the Department of Personnel and Training said the civil servants may soon be deployed in front-line hospitals to manage and deal with the crisis.

When asked if these officers would be asked to directly provide services of a medical practitioner, sources said there is no clarity on this matter at the moment. *ENS*

Govt looks at redefining urban transport in wake of Covid

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

THE Ministry of Urban Affairs said a large number of people may not use public transport post-lockdown and are likely to shift to private modes of transport due to Covid-19 fear, asking states to encourage and revive non-motorised transport (NMT).

It also suggested a three-pronged strategy which may be adopted in a phased manner — short (within 6 months), medium (within 1 year) and long (1-3 years) — for urban transport services.

The advisory sent by urban affairs secretary Durga Shanker Mishra suggested encouraging the NMT as it requires low cost, less human resource, is easy and quick to implement, scalable and environment- friendly. It also suggested about recommencing public transport with greater confidence of commuters, saying it is imperative at this stage that transmission of infection through the usage of public transport should be curbed by adopting the right sanitisation, containment and social-distancing norms.

Evidence shows that there has been a steep drop in public transport ridership volumes by 90 per cent during the lockdown. It has been observed that there is up to 60 per cent reduction in air pollution. Officials said re-establishing the earlier level of ridership in public transport is a big challenge for cities as people may be looking for more options, especially personal modes that allow for safer travel in the post lockdown scenario.

CITIES WHICH PROMOTED NMT

- **New York** has added 40 miles of new NMT lanes to support cyclists
- **Oakland** has closed 10% of its streets for motor vehicles
- **Bogotá** has added 76 km of cycle overnight
- In **Milan**, 22 miles of streets have been transformed to cycling lanes
- **Auckland** has built up 17 km of temporary bike lanes
- Bike-sharing promotion in **China** has led to 150% increase in trips during lockdown

RELIEF FOR FIRMS

The Defence Ministry has issued order to extend the delivery period for all existing capital acquisition contracts with Indian vendors by four months due to supply chain disruptions arising out of Covid pandemic

25 OFFICIALS IN LABOUR MINISTRY TEST COVID POSITIVE

Ahmedabad	40	28	Mumbai	31	26
Bhopal	39	29	Panaji	31	28
Jaipur	41	30	Patna	39	29
Amritsar	42	28	Lucknow	37	29
Chennai	38	29	Port Blair	32	28
Kolkata	33	27	Imphal	30	21
Srinagar	28	21	Chandigarh	44	30

(From centre to right) Rajasthan CM Ashok Gehlot, Deputy CM Sachin Pilot and party leader Randeep Surjewala in Jaipur on Friday | PTI

Rajasthan CM accuses BJP of horse-trading, orders probe

RAJESH ASNANI @ Jaipur

RAJASTHAN Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot alleged that the Rajya Sabha polls were postponed for two months at the behest of the BJP brass to enable the party to buy time for horse-trading in the state, even as he claimed that the two candidates put up by the Congress will emerge victorious.

Accusing the BJP leadership of using money power in a bid to topple his government, Gehlot said at a press conference, "What happened in Karnataka and Madhya Pradesh is known to all, and now it is being tried here in Rajasthan... At a time when people are battling the corona pandemic, instead of resolving the crisis through effective governance these leaders are focused on buying and selling of MLAs."

The government also filed a complaint with Rajasthan Police regarding the organised crime of money transfer in an attempt to lure Congress MLAs to cross-vote in the RS polls. The investigation has been handed over to the Special Operations Group. A 100-odd Congress and supporting MLAs are currently holed up in two resorts in Jaipur as the party seeks to keep its flock together ahead of the Rajya Sabha polls. Congress Chief Whip in the Assembly, Mahesh Joshi, has already lodged a case with the anti-corruption bureau.

At the press conference, the Congress put up a united front with Deputy CM Sachin Pilot asserting that "our MLAs, independents and supporters are all fully backing us".

Congres national spokesperson R S Surjewala said the MLAs wanted to stick together and that's why they had been staying in the resorts.

"If thieves come to your house to commit theft, you have to safeguard your house," he quipped.

Responding to the horse-trading charge, state BJP chief Satish Poonia said, "Charges against the BJP are baseless. If they have any evidence, why don't these Congress leaders produce it in public?"

> The Congress is in the DNA of the country, it has a long history of great sacrifices but do not be surprised if the Modi government and their party ever gets destroyed because the public has seen their acts
>
> Ashok Gehlot, Rajasthan CM

KASHMIR

Woman killed, two injured in Pak shelling

FAYAZ WANI @ Srinagar

A 40-year-old woman was killed and two other civilians injured while over dozen residential houses damaged in Pakistani troops firing and mortar shelling in Hajipeer sector in Jammu and Kashmir's Baramulla district on Friday.

Several villages including Charunda, Batgran, Hathlanga, Silikote, Thajal, Tilawari and Nambla, which fall close to LoC, were affected by heavy and intermittent firing and mortar shelling that continued till the last report came in the evening.

Defence spokesman, Colonel Rajesh Kalia said the Pakistan Army violated border ceasefire at in Uri in the morning. "Pakistani troops targeted army positions and civilian areas with mortars and other weapons." The Army was giving befitting response to the Pakistanis, he added.

Sub Divisional Magistrate Uri Riyaz Ahmad Malik said a woman was killed and two other civilians injured when Pakistani mortar shells landed at civilian areas in Batgran area. The SDM said 18 families were moved to safer places.

The administration has advised border residents to avoid moving out during firing and shelling.

TRACKING COVID-19

'Cannot keep soldiers unhappy during war'

SC asks Centre to walk extra mile to make doctors feel safe in pandemic

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

TAKING a serious note of the non-payment of salary and a lack of proper accommodation to doctors, the Supreme Court on Friday said that it was not conducive to keep "soldiers unhappy" during a war-like situation.

A bench comprising Justices Ashok Bhushan, Sanjay Kishan Kaul and M.R. Shah said, "It is kind of a war. You do not keep soldiers unhappy during war. So travel the extra mile to make the corona warriors feel safe."

The observation from the apex court came while hearing a PIL by a doctor, alleging salaries of doctors involved in tackling Covid-19, are either not being paid or cut or being delayed.

"Can you see that doctors were on strike recently? This should not require court's intervention. You need to do more. This is a matter of concern regarding the doctors," noted the bench.

The SC bench also suggested the Centre that it can channel extra money to address the issue.

Solicitor General Tushar Mehta contended before the bench that he was not opposing this petition and if there are better suggestions, then the same can be accommodated certainly.

Justice Bhushan, on the aspect of accommodation, said the Solicitor General needs to check what can be done.

Mehta replied that guidelines have been formulated by World Health Organisation (WHO), Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) and other experts.

The bench insisted that the Centre should do more and make sure that the concerns of the doctors are addressed. The top court listed the matter for further hearing on June 17.

The petition has also questioned the Centre's Standard Operation Procedures (SOP) making their 14-day quarantine non-mandatory.

In an affidavit the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare had said, "A healthcare worker properly protected by PPEs in workplace settings carries no additional risk to their families or children, as suggested or otherwise."

U'KHAND MAY GET METRO LINK BY 2024

VINEET UPADHYAY @ Dehradun

UTTARAKHAND may get its first Metro connecting Haridwar, Rishikesh and Dehradun in the next four years.

Officials confirmed the Metro project, which would be done in two phases, has got a nod from the state government.

"The government approved the 'Comprehensive Mobility Plan' of the Uttarakhand Metro Rail Project which include ropeway projects in Dehradun, Rishikesh and Haridwar to ease traffic movement. The approval was also given for construction of Personal Rapid Transit (PRT) in Haridwar along with the construction of Metro Light in Haridwar-Rishikesh and Nepali Farm-Vidhan Sabha Corridor," Cabinet minister Madan Kaushik said.

In a meeting of the Unified Metropolitan Transport Authority on Thursday, Chief Minister TS Rawat gave the approval to the project whose Detailed Project Report is being prepared for a rope-way system with the Delhi Metro Rail Corporation for Dehradun.

The government also approved the project for the construction of Personal Rapid Transit (PRT) in Haridwar city along with the construction of Metro Light in Haridwar-Rishikesh and Nepali Farm-Vidhan Sabha Corridor.

In December, the DMRC and the Uttarakhand Metro Rail Corporation had signed an MoU to construct a 25 km ropeway in Dehradun at an estimated cost of ₹2,500 crore.

Covid shows no signs of slowing in Maharashtra

SUDHIR SURYAWANSHI @ Mumbai

NEARLY 94 days after the first Covid case was reported , Maharashtra is yet to see signs of flattening the curve of infection.

The state has reported 97,648 cases, 3,590 deaths and 46,078 recoveries so far.

According to the Maharashtra health department, the Covid cases are on the rise and it is yet to reach the peak in terms of cases.

On June 11, 3,254 cases and 152 deaths were reported. A day earlier, there was also 3,000-plus cases and 149 deaths. On June 9, 2,259 cases and 120 deaths were reported while 2,553 positive cases and 109 deaths reported a day before.

Moreover, on June 7, 3,007 positive cases and 91 deaths. Similarly, 2,739 positive cases and 120 deaths were reported on June 6.

"It shows that Covid positive cases are on the rise. Maharashtra was first after Kerala to go for a partial close down. Despite almost three month lockdown, there is no satisfactory result in terms of containing virus and reducing the cases and deaths. In fact, there is a steep rise... we are not sure when it will reach the peak and curve of Covid 19 will start flattening," said a senior government.

Data revealed that the age group between 21 to 30, 19.07 % got infected while it was 20.10 % in 31-40 age group, 18.05% in 41-50%, and 17.10% in the age group of 51 to 60.

PATIENT'S DEATH

Dean, 2 docs suspended for negligence

MUMBAI: Three doctors, including Dean of the Jalgaon civil hospital, were suspended for their negligence in attending to a Covid patient who was found dead after eight days.

An inquiry was also initiated in this matter. *TNIE* had earlier reported that the patient was found dead in the bathroom of the government-run hospital in Jalgaon.

The 82-year-old woman was admitted on June 1. It was after some patients complained of foul smell that the body was traced by hospital staff.

Hospital dean Dr Bhaskar Khaire and other two doctors — Dr Suyog Chaudhari and Dr Kalpana Ghankawar — were suspended pending inquiry. "It is really surprising how come the hospital staff did not see the bathroom of the hospital for eight days," said a senior government official. *ENS*

Tarun is none other than Tejashwi: RJD

RAJESH KUMAR THAKUR @ Patna

TARUN is none other than Tejashwi Yadav's name since his childhood in the RJD first family, the opposition party said on Friday.

"It is already being declared in the annexure two of an affidavit, submitted declaring assets and liabilities during the 2015 elections", RJD MLA Bhola Yadav Bhola Yadav told the media.

He stated that the land deed shown by JD-U minister Neeraj Kumar is not "*benami*' (undeclared) property. It is being declared since 2015 under the head of Tejashwi Yadav when he grows adult", he said.

The land was bought by Rabri Devi in the names of her sons Tej Pratap Yadav and Tarun Kumar Yadav (Tejashwi) when they were minors. "But when they (Lalu's sons) became adults, the land is now being shown in declaration of asset and liabilities by each of them," he said.

LAC standoff: India, China hold another round of talks, Rajnath reviews situation

MAYANK SINGH @ New Delhi

THE second division commander-level talk was held on Friday in eastern Ladakh after the Corps Commanders of the Indian Army and the PLA met in Moldo, Chinese side of Line of Actual Control (LAC), across Chushul on June 6.

In total, there have been five Division Commander (highest level military commander) talks till now after the standoff took place on the intervening night of May 5 and 6.

Latest assessments on ground situation was done in New Delhi by Defence Minister Rajnath Singh after the military talks.

"The Division Commanders from both sides met near the Line of Actual Control and discussed the issues," a senior Army officer informed. "The Sector Commanders and the Battalion Commanders are also involved wherever the need is felt."

There are four locations in eastern Ladakh under discussion between the two sides— Patrolling Points 14 and 15 in the Galwan Valley, Patrolling Point 17A in Hot Spring Sector and Finger-4 along northern flank of Pangong Tso.

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>
> Senior Army officer

Later, the Defence Minister met the top military brass to review the situation.

Although there are reports of minor de-escalation from three patrolling points, the Finger-4 standoff remains the focal issue as both countries continue with their deployments.

The latest de-escalation started after the Corps Commanders meeting of June 6. Another round is expected once the details of the troop de-escalation are worked out, said defence sources.

EXPRESS READ

Rajasthan: Seer held on charges of rape

Jaipur: A Jain seer was arrested for allegedly raping a woman at a Jain community shelter home in Rajasthan's Karauli district . The woman along with a relative had gone to seek the blessings of the seer. Tension has gripped the area after the seer was taken to the local police station. The accused was staying in a Jain shelter home in Hindon town of Karauli district. An FIR had been registered on the basis of the woman's complaints.

Tragedy averted: 64 IEDs seized in J'khand

Ranchi: At least 64 improvised Explosive Devices (IEDs) were seized by security forces in Jharkhand's West Singhbhum district on Friday. In a joint operation by the district police and the CRPF, 40 IEDs were found buried near a katcha road between Kuida and Hathiburu villages under Goelkera police station of the district, the police said. nother 24 IEDs were recovered some distance from the katcha road, the police added.

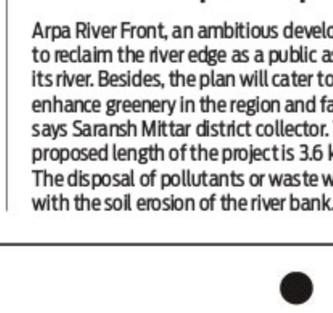
Jharkhand archer gets job in pvt hospital

MUKESH KUMAR @ Ranchi

ARCHER Sonu Khatoon has been provided job at a private hospital in Dhanbad after this newspaper reported the hardship that forced her to sell vegetables to earn a living during lockdown.

The national-level archer was contacted by the Asian Dwarkadas Jalan Super Speciality Hospital of Dhanbad.

"After the news was published in newspaper, the Deputy Commissioner had called me at his office and handed over the appointment letter. I have been asked to join from Monday itself," said jubilant archer Sonu Khatoon.



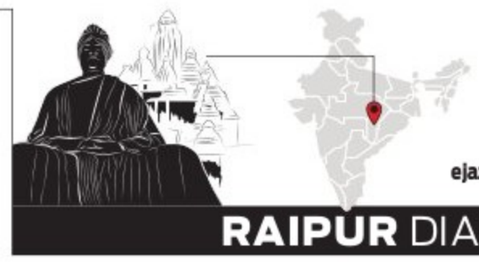
She thanked *TNIE* and other dailies for highlighting her situation. "This is really a big boost to my confidence which ultimately will help me to make my dream come true. The first thing I am going to do that somehow I will arrange a bow and resume my practice," said the archer.

At the same time, Khatoon said she would like to sell vegetables at least once in a week. Though, Khatoon was provided a financial assistance of ₹20,000 by the district administration in Dhanbad after the intervention of Chief Minister Hemant Soren, she had claimed that it was too small.

She had to stop practice after her bow she had purchased was broken, forcing her to sell vegetables.

CRPF I-G apprises Guv of para force's work

CRPF inspector general Prakash D apprised Chhattisgarh Governor Anusuiya Uike about the various ground engagement of the paramilitary forces in the conflict zone of the state besides civic action programmes being run for local populace The IG elucidated the prevailing security scenario in the region, welfare concerns of tribals, vocational training and support to villagers, encouraging tree plantation among others. He informed on how the force was instrumental in Maoist surrender and their return to the mainstream.



RAIPUR DIARY

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Support to small scale industries

To encourage marketing of the products from the small scale industries, the government has directed all departments to finalise the 'rate contract' with the Chhattisgarh State Industrial Development Corporation (CSIDC) which would specify the rates of items. The move is seen as an attempt to encourage commercial activities and kick-start the stalled economic activity, besides ensuring the state doesn't suffer loss on Goods and Services Tax and other taxes. Goods would be now purchased routinely through authorised dealers of the small scale industrial houses. The initiative is being done to ensure support to the small scale industries, which are the backbone of the state's economy, as well as to ensure a steady supply of goods at a fixed rate.

Congress office in every district

The ruling Congress party has come out with a plan to construct a new 'Congress Bhawan' in all districts of Chhattisgarh. Congress state president Mohan Markam says the foundation will be laid on August 20, Rajiv Gandhi Jayanti Day. Out of the 28 districts, the Congress doesn't have any office in about a dozen of them. All Congress Bhawans are to have a similar design and structure, said Shailesh Nitin Trivedi, chairman, Congress media cell. The district units were instructed to look for plots and the Congress office bearers and the workers were asked to contribute for its construction, he added.

Ambitious Arpa river project

Arpa River Front, an ambitious development project, was launched in Bilaspur to reclaim the river edge as a public asset and restore the city's relationship with its river. Besides, the plan will cater to the requirement of the traffic loads, enhance greenery in the region and facilitate recreation facilities in a big way, says Saransh Mittar district collector. The width of river is 250 metres and proposed length of the project is 3.6 km with roads on both sides of river bank. The disposal of pollutants or waste water into the river would be checked along with the soil erosion of the river bank. The project is estimated to cost ₹94 cr.

4.2 lakh

Covid-19 has killed more than 4,22,000 people so far, as per Johns Hopkins University's virus tracker

GLOBAL WEATHER

LR: Light Rain • HR: Heavy Rain • TDS: Thundershower • LC: Light Cloud • SNY: Sunny

Beijing	34	22	SNY	Los Angeles	25	15	SNY
Colombo	31	26	TDS	Melbourne	17	10	LC
Doha	41	29	SNY	Moscow	17	10	HR
Dubai	39	28	SNY	New York	24	14	SNY
Houston	35	23	SNY	Singapore	32	26	TDS
Istanbul	23	18	LR	Toronto	18	10	SNY
London	24	14	SNY	Washington DC	26	17	LC

White House downplays virus risk, Trump back to business as usual

Officials deny there is a 2nd wave; prez reboots re-election campaign by backing police

WASHINGTON

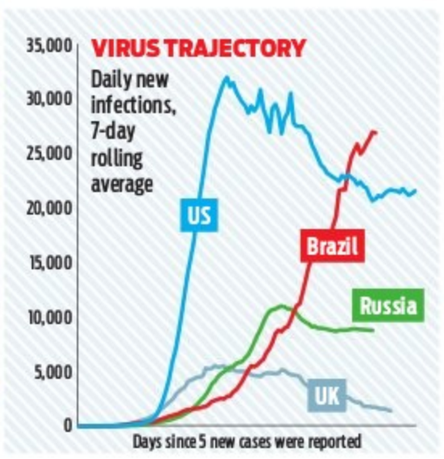
AT the White House, aides now routinely flout internal rules requiring face masks. The president's campaign is again scheduling mass arena rallies. And he is back to spending summer weekends at his New Jersey golf club.

Three months after President Donald Trump bowed to the realities of a pandemic that put big chunks of life on pause and killed more Americans than several major wars, Trump is back to business as usual — even as coronavirus cases are on the upswing in many parts of the country.

While the nation has now had months to prepare stockpiles of protective gear and ventilators, a model cited by the White House projects tens of thousands of more deaths by the end of September.

Amid renewed fears of a virus resurgence, financial markets suffered their worst drop since March on Thursday.

At the White House, though, officials played down the severity of the virus surge and sought to blame it on factors beyond Trump's forceful push to reopen the economy, which he's counting on to help him win re-election.



"I spoke to our health experts at some length last evening. They're saying there is no second spike. Let me repeat that: There is no second spike," Larry Kudlow, director of the National Economic Council, said Friday on *Fox & Friends*.

He said Covid-19 cases are increasing only in certain spots of the country, but that nationally, the rates of new cases and fatalities have flattened out. "There is no emergency. There is no second wave. I don't know where that got started on Wall Street."

Prez praises police

Trump rebooted his flagging re-election campaign with a speech starkly rejecting protesters' claims of police racism, saying only a "few bad apples" are to blame. Far from reaching out to demonstrators' anger, he offered only a cops proposal to "encourage" officers to meet "the most current professional standards for the use of force." *Agencies*

Supporters at rally can't sue Don if infected

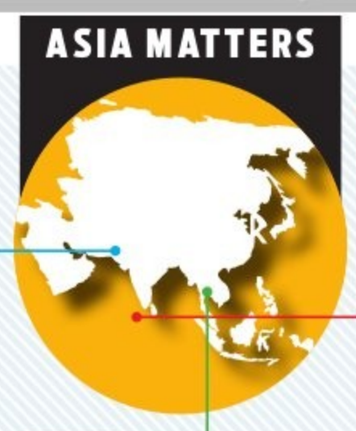
WASHINGTON

DONALD Trump supporters who attend the US president's upcoming election rally must sign a waiver promising not to sue if they catch Covid-19 at the event, according to his campaign website.

The supporters must sign a waiver to register for the first of the rallies, in Tulsa, Oklahoma, on June 19. "By clicking register below, you are acknowledging that an inherent risk of exposure to Covid-19 exists in any public place where people are present," the waiver states.

"By attending the Rally, you and any guests voluntarily assume all risks related to exposure to COVID-19 and agree not to hold" the Trump campaign, or any of its affiliates, contractors or employees responsible, it continues. The page makes no mention of other measures, such as wearing masks. *AFP*

ASIA MATTERS



PAKISTAN

Rs 7.14 lakh crore budget unveiled

Pakistan government on Friday unveiled a Rs 7.13 trillion (Rs 7,13,700 crore) 'corona budget' for the new fiscal year, including a Rs 1.289 trillion (Rs 1,28,900 crore) defence budget which is almost 4.7% higher than last year's. The government set a meagre 2.1% GDP growth target for the next year and said it's not imposing any new taxes. There would be a Rs 3,437 billion (Rs 3,43,700 crores) deficit in revenues and expenses, equalling 7% of GDP, Minster for Industries Hammad Azhar said while presenting the budget.

THAILAND

'Travel bubbles' planned

Officials said on Friday that Thailand will open "travel bubbles" with countries which have low infections, including China, Vietnam, South Korea, Australia. This will allow people from those countries to visit without the 14-day quarantine.

MALDIVES

People allowed to go out in daytime

The Maldives will further relax coronavirus restrictions from Monday, allowing people to leave their homes during daytime. The Indian Ocean archipelago known for high-end resorts has reported 1,976 cases and eight deaths. So far, the government had issued three passes per family, each for two hours of outgoing every week. The relaxed rules allow people to go out without permits from 5 am to 10 pm. Parks, public spaces and shops will reopen while restaurants can only deliver food.

UK REJECTS BREXIT EXTENSION, BACKTRACKS ON BORDER CHECKS

LONDON

BRITAIN on Friday formally told the European Union that it would not extend the post-Brexit transition, raising the alarming prospect of a disorderly split in six months.

London and Brussels have made very little progress in agreeing a new trade deal for when Britain leaves the EU's single market and customs union on December 31.

But PM Boris Johnson rose to power last year on a pledge to "get Brexit done", with the issue roiling UK politics ever since Britons voted to leave the bloc in 2016.

His government had until July 1 to ask for more time, which Brussels was willing to give. "That's it," senior minister Michael Gove told British television after finishing online talks with his EU counterparts. "We are leaving the European Union on Dec 31."

In Brussels, EU commissioner Maros Sefcovic said Gove "couldn't be clearer".

"I take this as a definite conclusion of this discussion," Sefcovic said.

But Britain conceded Friday that the added economic pressures of the coronavirus crisis -- the UK economy shrank by a fifth between March and April, according to new data -- meant that businesses needed some temporary relief.

To help, London said it would allow UK companies to delay submitting customs declarations and making tariff payments on their exports to EU nations for up to six months, until July 2021.

In Feb, the government had announced that goods coming from the EU would require inspections and customs declarations starting in Jan.

The *Financial Times* reported Britain will introduce a temporary "light-touch regime", regardless of whether a new deal is agreed. *Agencies*

PIO professor gets World Food Prize

DES MOINES

A soil scientist whose research led to improved food production and a better understanding of how atmospheric carbon can be held in the soil to help combat climate change was named this year's recipient of the World Food Prize.

Rattan Lal is a professor of soil science at Ohio State University and founding director of the university's Carbon Management and Sequestration Center.

Lal has developed and promoted the idea that healthy soil must not only have the usual nutrients, including nitrogen, phosphorus and potassium, but must have depleted carbon restored by leaving crop residue. This diverged from the conventional soil fertility strategy of the 1970s, which relied heavily on replacing nutrients by applying fertilizer.

A RECKONING FOR REVILED HISTORICAL FIGURES

The movement to pull down Confederate monuments in the US in the wake of George Floyd's death at the hands of police has extended to statues of slave traders, imperialists, conquerors and explorers around the world. We take a look at the historical figures besides Columbus who are being singled out

CECIL RHODES

At the University of Oxford, protesters have stepped up their longtime push to remove a statue of Rhodes, the Victorian imperialist who served as prime minister of the Cape Colony in southern Africa. He made a fortune from gold and diamonds on the backs of miners who labored in brutal conditions

KING LEOPOLD II

Across Belgium, statues of Leopold II have been defaced in half a dozen cities because of the king's brutal rule over the Congo, where more than a century ago he forced multitudes into slavery to extract rubber, ivory and other resources for his own profit. Experts say he left as many as 10 million dead

JOHN HAMILTON

New Zealand's fourth-largest city removed a bronze statue of the British naval officer Capt. John Hamilton, the city's namesake, on Friday, a day after a Maori tribe asked for the statue be taken down and one Maori elder threatened to tear it down himself. He is accused of killing indigenous Maori people in the 1860s

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Date : 13/06/2020 **Sd/-**
Place : Bengaluru **Asst General Manager**

Public Notice

This is to inform the General Public that, my Clients **B.J Anathraj and J. Srinivas S/o late Jaiprakash**. My Clients are the owner Of the Property Site Municipal No. 8/2, Situated at 5th Main, Magadi Road, K.P. Agrahara, Mariyappanapalya, Bangaluru and Site Measuring East to West 15 feet and North to South 50 feet has lost the Property document such as Original Sale deed dated 9/3/1970 Registered as document number 7786/1969-70 in book-1 volume 223 at pages 200 to 203 in the office of the sub-register, Sri Ram Puram, Bangalore has lost the document, Which Traveling in bike Traveling to Magadi Road to Jayanagar at 4:00 pm 19/3/2020 the above said document was lost. If any Person found the document . Kindly HANDED OVER TO MY Clients the Address given below. In this regards my Clients has already been lodged the Complaint before the K.P Agrahara Police Station 20/3/2020 Vide Number **060041/2020**. If any having objections please Contact to bellow address within 15 days from the date of this publication.

Sri. M.S. Sanjeev Kumar Advocate,
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PUBLIC NOTICE

Public are informed that my client has intent to purchase a portion of **Dry Agricultural Land bearing New Survey No.82/7** (Old Survey No.82/6, (Still Older Survey No.82/1), Situated in **M.Hosahalli Grama, Jala Hobli, Bangalore North Addl Taluk,** Bangalore **Measuring 7 (Seven) Guntas)** and bounded on the:

East by: Nagarajappa's Land
West by: Krishnappa's Land
North by: Gollahalli Ramanna's Land
South by: Road

from it's present Owner **Mr. USMAN ALI KHAN, he had acquired the same vide registered Absolute Sale Deed vide document no:JAL-1-00586/2017-18 of Book I, stored in CD No: JALD227, dated. 25.05. 2017 and also Release Deed vide JAL-1-01356 of Book I, CD No: JALD409, Dated : 20.08.2019, registered at the office of the Sub-registrar, Gandhinagara (Jala), Bangalore.**

Persons having any right over the said property may lodge their objections/claims with documentary evidence **within 8 days** from this day to the undersigned. In the absence of any claims within the above said period. it shall be deemed that there are no such claims or that if there are any claims and they have not been made, it shall be deemed to have been waived.

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NOTICE UNDER SECTION 13 (2) OF THE SECURITISATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT, 2002

NOTICE is hereby given that the following borrower/s have availed loan from **Equitas Housing Finance Limited (EHFL) / Equitas Finance Limited (EFL) / Equitas Small Finance Bank Ltd.** In the meantime, M/s Equitas Housing Finance Limited., has amalgamated with M/s Equitas Finance Limited., as per the Scheme of Amalgamation sanctioned by the Hon'ble High Court of Judicature, at Madras., in CP Nos:119 TO 121 OF 2016 vide its order dated 06-06-2016. By virtue of the said amalgamation, all the rights and liabilities of Equitas Housing Finance Limited stands vested in Equitas Finance Limited. This is to further inform you that under the certificate issued by the Registrar of Companies, Chennai, the name of M/s Equitas Finance Limited., was changed to M/s Equitas Small Finance Bank Limited, and the Reserve Bank of India had issued a license dated 30-06-2016 to Equitas Small Finance Bank Limited to carry on the business of banking. The said borrower/s had/have failed to pay Equated Monthly Installments (EMIs) of their loan on account of which their loan account has been classified as Non-Performing Asset as per the guidelines issued by Reserve Bank of India . The borrower(s) have provided security of the immovable property/ies , the details of which are described herein below. The details of the loan and the amounts outstanding and payable by the borrower/s to ESFB as on date are also indicated herein below. The borrower(s) as well as the public in general are hereby informed that the undersigned being the Authorized Officer of ESFB, the secured creditor has initiated action against the following borrower(s) under the provisions of the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (the SARFAESI Act). If the following borrower(s) fail to repay the outstanding dues indicated against their names **within 60 (Sixty) days of this notice,** the undersigned will exercise any one or more of the powers conferred on the Secured Creditor under sub-section (4) of Section 13 of the SARFAESI Act, including power to take possession of the property/ies and sell the same. The public in general is advised not to deal with property/ies described herein below.

Name of the Borrower(s) / Guarantor(s) (NAME OF THE BRANCH)	Demand Notice Date and Amount	Description of Secured Asset (Immovable Property)
Branch: Hunsur L.No:SEHNSUR0136966 Borrower : Mr. Mahendra Co-Borrowers : 1. Mr. Chandrappa, 2. Mrs. Sowmya	24-06-2019 & Rs.3,40,985/-	All the peace and parcel of the immovable Schedule property E-Katha No.152200201602000726, Property No.60/55/2 Situated at Beejagana halli Village, Beejaganahalli Gramapanchayath, Kasaba Hobli, Hunsuru Taluk, Measuring East to West 16.76 mtr(55 ft), North to South 7.92 mtr (26ft), Total extent 132.85 chmtr (1430 sq.ft). North by: House of Gowramma, South by: Vacant site of Krishnojirao, East by: Connect Road, West by: House of Shivamallappa. Measurement: Measuring East to West 16.76 mtr (55ft), North to South 7.92 mtr (26ft), Total extent 132.85 chmtr (1430 sq.ft). Situated at within the Sub-Registration District of Hunsuru and Registration District of Mysore.
Branch: B.G.Road L.No:EHLMSNRD0004739 Borrower : Ms. Lakshmi K Co-Borrower : Mr. Krishnan	07-12-2019 & Rs.13,48,485/-	All that piece and parcel of the Property No.181/7, 181/8, 181/9, 181/10, Situated at Hullahalli Village, Mantapa Village Panchayath, Jigani Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore Urban District, Measuring East to West 30 feet, North to South: 32+39/2 Feet, Totally Measuring 1065 Square Feet. Bounded on the: East by: Site No.28A, West by: Site No.30, North by: Road, South by: Private Property.
Branch: Mallathali L.No:VLPHMSNR0002255 Borrower : Mr. Bharathi N Co-Borrower : Mr. Raju	17-09-2019 & Rs.8,00,950/-	All that piece and parcel of the Western portion of House List No.1, Katha No.58, situated at Chunchaghatta Village now comes under the limits of BBMP, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, and bounded on: East by: remaining of the same property. West by: Road, North by: 4 1/2 feet common passage, South by: Property belongs to Venkateswamappa.
Branch: K.R.Puram L.No:SEKRPRM0228601 Borrower : Mr. Krishnamurthy Co-Borrower : Mrs. Shruthi	20-01-2019 & Rs.9,94,797/-	All that piece and parcel of the immovable property site No.67, Sy.No.110/1A, 111/2B, 111/2B, Old Janjar Mo.614, 615, 616, Property Khatha No.788/67, PID No. 150300401000121302, Doddagattiganbbe Grampanchyath, situated at Kannura halli Village, Kasaba Hobli, Hoskote Taluk, Bangalore Rural Dist. North by: Site No.66, South by: Site No.68, East by: 25 ft Road, West by: Property of S.Srinivasaiah, Measurement: Measuring East to West ft 41ft (12.4968M), North to South 30ft, (9.144M), Total extent of 1230 Sq.ft (114.27 Sq.M). Situated at within the Sub-Registration District of Hoskote and Registration District of Bangalore Rural.
Branch: Nanjangudu L.No:SENNJGD0217355 Borrower : Mrs. Malathi Co-Borrowers : Mr. Ravi	20-01-2012 & Rs.3,07,038/-	Property No.192, E Katha No.152200541057000219, Situated at Mallahalli village, Hallare Gramapanchayath, Nanjangud taluk, Mysore dist. North by: Own house, South by: Land of Ganesha murthy, East by: House of Rajashekarappa, West by: House of M D Shivappa, Measurement : Measuring East to West 7.3152 mtr, (24 feet) North to South 16.76 mtr (55 Feet), Total extent 122.3 chmt. Situated at within the Sub-Registration District of Nanjangud and Registration District of Mysore.
Branch: Tumkur L.No:SETMKUR0191686 Borrower : Mr. Nagaraju Co-Borrowers : Ms. Sowmya	20-01-2020 & Rs.2,68,318/-	All the peace and parcel of the immovable Schedule Property Panchayath Khatha No.960, Assessment No.82/2. situated at Belagumba Grama, Kasaba Hobli, Belagumba Grama Panchayath, Tumkur Taluk, Tumkur district. Measuring from East to West 32 feet and North to South 20 Feet. Total Extent 640 Sq.feet. North by: Road and property of Nagarajappa, South by: Road, East by: Property of Thimmadasappa, West by : Property of Narasimhamurthy. Measurement : Measuring from East to West 32 feet and North to South 20 Feet. Total Extent 640 Sq.feet. Situated at within the Sub-Registration District of Tumkuru and Registration District of Tumkuru.
Branch: Sira L.No:SEMYSRE0156978 Borrower : Mr. Yashodhara Co-Borrowers : Ms. Bhagyamma, Mr. Peddanna	10-01-2020 & Rs.2,42,383/-	All the peace and parcel of the immovable Schedule Property Panchayath Katha No.25/25, Site No.10, Situated at Devarapura Village, Lakshmisagara Grampanchayath, Kasaba Hobli, Sire Taluk, Tumkur Dist. Measuring East to West 40 Feet, North to South 40 Feet, Total extent 1600 sq.ft., North by: House of Thimmabovi, South by: Vacant land, East by: Road, West by: House of Nagarajappa, Measurement: Measuring East to West 40 Feet, North to South 40 Feet, Total extent 1600 sq.ft., Situated at within the Sub-Registration District of Sira and Registration District of Tumkur.

Date : 13.06.2020 **-Sd/-**
Place : Bangalore **Authorised Officer,**
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PUBLIC NOTICE
CHANGE OF NAME

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **Ramamani, residing at # 3/180, Seetharam Nagar, Annamalai Nagar, Hosur-635109, Krishnagiri District, Tamilunadu changed my name as Ramakka M. before the Notary H G Venkataramu on 04th June 2020.** In future I will be called as **Ramakka M.** only for all purposes.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, (OLD NAME) S INDIRA SAMUEL, Residing at No. 36/A, Annapurneshwari Layout, Guniagrahara, Ashok International School, Shivakote, Bangalore-560089, have changed my name to **(NEW NAME) INDIRA S** vide affidavit Dated 12/06/2020 sworn before Notary Chandrakala, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **V SUNDARARAJAN,** f/o No. 14842487X, SEP/MT, S BALAKRISHNAN, R/at House No.5/2, RMTC Nagar, Reddiapatti, Dindigul, Dindigul - 624003, Tamil Nadu shall henceforth be known as **SUNDARRAJ VELAPPAN,** vide affidavit dated: 12.06.2020, before notary N.K LAKSHMANA, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, B.N.PUSHPA, W/o. Late M. Thyagaraju, aged about 73 years, Residing at No. 1721, 50 Feet Road, Near Water Tank, Kumaraswamy Layout, Bangalore -560078, have changed my name to **PUSHPA T** vide affidavit Dated 06/06/2020 sworn before Notary G.R.Rajanna, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

This is to inform the public in general that we, **P. N. Sudindra Babu and Sunitha. S. Babu,** both residing at No.35, National High School Road, Behind Vasavi College, V. V. Puram, Basavanagudi, Bangalore 560 004. Natural Guardians and biological Parents of our minor son viz **VIREN SAI. S.** have changed his name as **"KARTHIK VIREN. S"** vide affidavit dated 12.06.2020 sworn to before the Govt of India Notary Public **Sri. Chandra Sekhara Babu,** Bengaluru City.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, A.MOHIDEEN ABDUL KHADER alias **A.MYDEEN,** S/o Adham A.M. Residing at No. 126, Karumariyamma Nagar, St. Thomas Town, Bangalore-560084, hereby state that in my Pass Book My name has been mentioned as **MOHIDDIN** instead of **A.MOHIDEEN ABDUL KHADER.** I further declare my correct name is **A. MOHIDEEN ABDUL KHADER** vide affidavit Dated 11/06/2020 sworn before Notary P.N.Nagesha, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, CH ANUSHA, Spouse of No. 15323812L NK Phanikumar, residing at Mutlur (Post) Vattycherukuru (MD) Guntur (Dist) Andhra Pradesh (State) PIN:522212, have changed my name from **CH ANUSHA** to **CHEBROLU ANUSHA** vide affidavit Dated 11/06/2020 sworn before Notary Meer Hassan, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, B VIJAY SHANTHI, aged about 33 years, Daughter of B ISSAC Residing at No. 71, Siddaratha Layout, Hosur Road, Madiwala, Bangalore-560068, have changed my Daughter's name from **AMAREEN A** to **SHARAL** vide affidavit Dated 10/06/2020 sworn before Notary L.Gopalakrishna, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **NAVEEN KUMAR MARAPPA** S/o Marappa, age 36 years, R/o No. 19, Basaweshwara Badavane, Madhanayakanahalli, Dasanapura, Bengaluru-562 162 do hereby declare that I have changed my son's name from **THANMAY .N** to **ABHAY GOWDA .N,** henceforth he shall be known and called as **ABHAY GOWDA .N** only for all practical purposes, vide affidavit dated 12.6.2020, sworn before Advocate and Notary **P.N. NAGESHA** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, CHAITRA H.N, w/o No. 14844297K, SEP/MT, JAGADEESH, R/at Manegatta, Masur, Sagara, Sagara, Shimoga - 577401, Karnataka shall henceforth be known as **CHAITHRA H.N,** vide affidavit dated: 12.06.2020, before notary N.K LAKSHMANA, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, SERVICE NO. 15324395W L/NK Linganagoud Patil Unit 442 FD Coy, 18 ENGR REGT C/o 99 APO, have changed my Daughter name from **KRUTIKA LINGANAGOUDA PATIL** to **KRUTIKA LINGANAGOUD PATIL** vide affidavit Dated 12/06/2020 sworn before Notary Gangaraju.B.N, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **BALASUBRAMANIAN KARTHIK,** S/o. P.S. Balasubramanian, aged about 38 years, residing at No. C-1016, 'Magnifica', Brigade Gardenia, Near Capital School, J.P. Nagar 7th Phase, Bangalore South, Bangalore - 560 078, have changed my son's name from **ISHAN KARTHIK** to **ISHAN SRUTI KARTHIK.** Vide affidavit dated 11-6-2020 sworn before Advocate & Notary G.R. Rajanna, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **KUMARASWAMI R. MARIGOUDAR,** S/o. Rudragouda, residing at No. 108, 'Anugraha', Ground Floor, 4th Cross, 5th Main, BSK 5th Phase, Subramanyapura Post, Bengaluru - 560 061, have changed my name as **KUMARA SWAMI R. MARIGOUDAR.** Vide affidavit dated 12-06-2020 before Notary Public **H.S. DHARMA PRASAD,** Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, S MANIMEGALAI, m/o No. 14842487X, SEP/MT, S BALAKRISHNAN, R/at House No.5/2, RMTC Nagar, Reddiapatti, Dindigul, Dindigul - 624003, Tamil Nadu shall henceforth be known as **MANIMEGALAI,** vide affidavit dated: 12.06.2020, before notary N.K LAKSHMANA, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, LAKSHMI LINGANA GOUDA PATIL, Spouse of No. 15324395W L/NK Linganagoud Patil, residing at Street Basti Oni, Devalapur (Vill) Bailhongal (TK) Belgaum (Dist) Karnataka (State) PIN:591102, have changed my name from **LAKSHMI LINGANA GOUDA PATIL** to **LAKSHMI LINGANAGOUD PATIL** vide affidavit Dated 12/06/2020 sworn before Notary Gangaraju.B.N, Bangalore.

AFFIDAVIT

I, **RAGHAVENDRA REDDY,** S/o Annayyappa Reddy, R/a # 622, Maruthi Nagar, Gubbalala, Opp. Ganesha Temple, Kanakapura Main Road, Bangalore-62 do hereby declare that in all my documents my name is mentioned as RAGHAVENDRA REDDY S/o Annayyappa Reddy and in my D.L. my name is mentioned as RAGHAVENDRA KUMAR S/o Srinivas Reddy. My correct name is **RAGHAVENDRA REDDY S/o Annayyappa Reddy,** vide affidavit dated 11-6-2020, sworn before Advocate and Notary **G.R. RAJANNA** at Bangalore.

AFFIDAVIT

I, **SERVICE No. 15331024W L / Nk Nagappa Mulakanavar,** resident of Shri Shankaralingesh Oni Near HPS School, Amaragol, Dharwad, Karnataka have changed my wife name from **SARASWATI N M** to **SARASWATI NAGAPPA MULAKANAVAR,** vide affidavit dated 11.06.2020, before notary public Advocate **A R Muneer Ahmed,** Bangalore.

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BUSINESS

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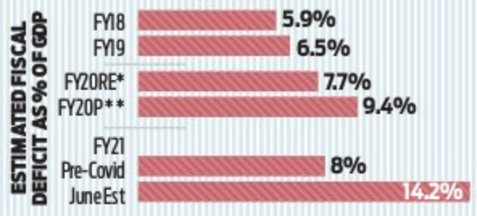
Corporate tax and GST (goods and services tax) receipts could be the worst-affected this year. In FY21, corporate taxes could decline -30% – from ₹5.6 lakh crore to ₹3.9 lakh crore, the lowest in 8 years. GST receipts are expected to fall -20%

FISCAL DEFICIT LIKELY TO SOAR



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EXPRESS READ

REVISED NORMS

SEBI MODIFIES INVESTMENT FRAMEWORK FOR AMCS

New Delhi: Market regulator Sebi on Friday modified its framework for asset management companies (AMCs) making investment from funds raised through a new fund offer. The move is aimed at ensuring money remains within the scheme, which will provide some cushion to mutual fund unitholders in case of winding up of a scheme. Under the mutual fund norms, the sponsor or AMC is required to invest at least one per cent of the amount which would be raised in the new fund offer or ₹50 lakh, whichever is less. Now, Sebi has decided that this investment will be made in growth option of the scheme.

EMERGENCY SUPPORT

PSBS DISBURSE ₹14,691 CR LOANS TO MSMES VIA CREDIT LINE

New Delhi: The Finance Ministry on Friday said public sector banks have disbursed ₹14,690.84 crore till June 11, under the ₹3-lakh crore Emergency Credit Line Guarantee Scheme (ECLGS) for the MSME sector, hit hard by the coronavirus-induced lockdown. Public sector banks (PSBs) have sanctioned loans worth ₹29,490.81 crore under the 100 per cent ECLGS for the Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises (MSME) sector starting June 1. The scheme is the biggest fiscal component of the ₹20-lakh crore Atmanirbhar Bharat Abhiyan package announced by Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman last month.

FALLING FUNDS

SIP INFLOWS HIT 11-MONTH LOW IN MAY AMID MARKET VOLATILITY

New Delhi: Investment in mutual funds through Systematic Investment Plans (SIPs) hit a 11-month low of ₹8,123 crore in May amid market volatility and uncertain economic environment due to the coronavirus pandemic. Notably, this was the 18th consecutive month when SIP inflows remained over ₹8,000-crore mark. The mutual fund industry raised ₹8,123 crore though the SIP route last month, lower than ₹8,376 crore mopped up in April, according to the latest data from the Association of Mutual Funds in India (Amfi).In May last year, SIP collection stood at ₹8,183 crore, according to the data disclosed.

MARKET WATCH

MARKET 242.5 ▲ Sensex 33,780.9 70.90 ▲ Nifty 9,972 | **GOLD** ₹15 ▲ 24 carat (1 gm) ₹4,814 ₹20 ▲ 22 carat (1 gm) ₹4,560 | **SILVER** ₹665 ▼ Per kg ₹49,235 ₹0.66 ▼ Per gm ₹49.02 | **FOREX** ▼ Dollar 75.84 ▲ Euro 86.05

GST Council relaxes compliance penalties for firms

No late fees for return filing if taxpayer has nil GST liability for period from July 2017 to January 2020, late fee capped at ₹500 for others

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

THE GST Council has capped the late fee for registered entities filing returns late at ₹500 until September and waived off the late fees of businesses with nil tax liability between July 2017 and January 2020.

The decision was announced after the GST Council conducted its 40th meeting on Friday, chaired by Finance Miister Nirmala Sitharaman via video conferencing.

For small taxpayers whose aggregate turnover is up to ₹5 crore, the rate of interest for late furnishing of GST returns is being reduced from 18 per cent to 9 per cent. If their supplies have been affected during the lock down period, there will be a waiver of interest too.

This will apply to all returns submitted between July 1 and September 30, according to the finance ministry.

Tax payers whose GST registration has been cancelled till June 12, may now also apply for revocation of cancellation of registration up to September 30. The Council also decided that it will hold a special meeting in July to discuss the framework for compensation payouts to states, according to sources, even as GST revenue plunge sharply due to pandemic-driven disruptions.

COLLECTIONS

According to Union Minister of Finance Nirmala Sitharaman, GST revenue collections stood at only 45 per cent of normal over the last two months as economic activity declined

"In July, we'll have a one-point agenda meeting on GST compensation cess. We'll discuss if market borrowing is needed to sort the issue and if yes, how should it be done," Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman said after the GST Council meeting.

The government had stopped publishing GST mumbers for the month of April after dismal collections and had subsequently extended the deadline for filing returns.

According to the finance minister, revenue collections stood at only 45 per cent of normal over the last two months.

Under GST law, states were guaranteed compensation for any loss of revenue in the first five years of GST implementation, starting July 1, 2017. The shortfall is calculated assuming a 14 per cent annual growth in GST collections by states over the base year of 2015-16.

However, with less than expected GST collections and further trouble because of the lockdown, states are demanding that this period with tax support be extended for another 2 years.

"With ballooning funds required for GST compensation and drastic shrinkage of cess collection after Covid, the payment crisis has been aggravated, which was apparent during the last fiscal itself. Only solution is... to borrow funds and extend cess period by a year or two," Thomas Isaak, finance minister of Kerala said.

The Council also deferred decisions on inverted duty structures to a later date.

SC DIRECTIVE

'Discuss loan moratorium issue within three days'

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

THE Supreme Court on Friday asked Solicitor General Tushar Mehta to convene a meeting of the Finance Ministry and Reserve Bank of India to decide within three days if interest can be waived on deferred loan payments during the moratorium period.

The government has announced a loan moratorium of six months as a relief major for businesses and retail borrowers. However, banks were charging interest over the accumulated amount of the interest during the period.

On Friday, the bench said that the question is not of a waiver of complete interest for the entire moratorium period but was limited only to the interest charged on interest by banks.

"We are doing balancing. The only thing we are wanting is a wider measure. Our concern in these proceedings is only whether the interest that has been deferred for 3 months will be added to charges payable later and whether there will be interest on the interest," the bench comprising of Justices Ashok Bhushan, Sanjay Kishan Kaul and M R Shah said.

"If interest payment has been deferred for three months, banks should not add that amount to the payable money and charge interest on interest," the bench added.

The bench was hearing a plea filed by Gajendra Sharma, seeking a direction to declare the portion of the RBI's March 27 notification "as ultra vires to the extent it charges interest on the loan amount during the moratorium period, which create hardship to the petitioner being borrower and creates hindrance and obstruction in "right to life" guaranteed by Article 21 of the Constitution of India".

In its reply, the RBI said it would not be prudent to go for a "forced waiver of interest" risking financial viability of the banks, following which the apex court had sought the Finance Ministry's reply on waiver of interest on loans during the moratorium period.

The bench said that its query was very limited on "whether there can be waiver of interest on interest".

Meanwhile, sources in the finance ministry said that RBI is not in favour of any waiver. However, officials will discuss the matter again with the banking regulator and will go by what RBI suggests.

"We had sought time to give a response. The government is not in favour of any waiver. But we will go by what the RBI suggests, " a senior finance ministry official said. The next hearing on the matter will be held on June 17.

Our concern in these proceedings is only whether the interest that has been deferred for 3 months will be added to charges payable later and whether there will be interest on the interest

SC bench

RBI panel to review banks' governance norms

FOREX RESERVES CROSS $500 BN

For the first time, India's foreign exchange reserves have crossed the half a trillion dollar mark in the week ended June 5, the RBI's data showed on Friday

India's reserves surged $8.22 billion over the week to hit its fresh lifetime high of $501.7 billion. Foreign currency assets (FCA) climbed by $8.42 billion to $463.63 billion.

In the week ended May 29, forex reserves had increased by $3.43 billion to a record $493.48 billion

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @Hyderabad

THE RBI on Friday constituted an internal working group to review bank licensing norms, guidelines on promoter ownership and corporate structure for private sector banks.

The committee will submit its report by September, 30. The five-member panel includes RBI board members Dr P K Mohanty and Prof Sachin Chaturvedi, executive directors Lily Vadera and S C Murmu, and RBI's Chief General Manager Shrimohan Yadav.

The committee will review licensing guidelines and regulations relating to ownership and control in private banks and suggest appropriate norms shedding light on excessive concentration of ownership and control. Importantly, the committee will look into promoter shareholding norms at the initial licensing stage and later, along with the timelines for stake dilution.

The move comes weeks after private sector lender Kotak Mahindra Bank's legal battle against the central bank ended with the latter allowing more time to dilute the lender's promoter's stake.

According to RBI, the broad policy relating to ownership and control in Indian private banks is guided by the framework issued in February, 2005. Though the overarching principle that the ownership and control of private sector banks should be well diversified and that the major shareholders are 'fit and proper', have remained unchanged, the specific contours have evolved over the years with specific prescriptions being given as part of licensing guidelines issued at various points in the past.

"It is, therefore, felt necessary to compressively review the extant guidelines on ownership, governance and corporate structure in private sector banks, taking into account key developments over the years which have a bearing on the issue. The review would provide an opportunity to harmonise norms applicable to banks set up at different time periods, irrespective of their date of commencement of business," it noted.

Meanwhile, it will also review and recommend eligibility criteria for individuals and entities to apply for a banking license. It will also study the current regulations on holding of financial subsidiaries through non-operative financial holding companies.

DATA HITCH

Govt holds back full IIP data for April, CPI for May

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

CITING difficulties in collecting data and the suspension of business activities due to the lockdown, the Centre on Friday held back the release of routine data on the trend of the index of industrial production (IIP) for April and consumer price inflation (CPI) for May.

However, it did disclose that combined food inflation in the month of May stood at 9.69 per cent compared to 10.5 per cent a month ago.

"The price movement for the sub-group 'Prepared meals, snacks, sweets etc.' under 'Food & Beverages' group as well as the group 'Clothing and Footwear' was not compiled. Under 'Miscellaneous' group, only the index for 'Health' subgroup has been compiled for the month of May, 2020," an official statement said.

Releasing quick estimates of IIP, spokespersons said it stood at 56.3 points in April, 2020 compared to 126 in the same month a year ago. However, officials said this was not comparable to the previous year. "It is not appropriate to compare the IIP of April, 2020 with earlier months and users may like to observe the changes in IIP in the following months. These quick estimates will undergo revision in subsequent releases as per the revision policy of IIP," the Ministry of Statistics said in the statement.

PAROTAS VS ROTIS: iD FRESH TO APPEAL AGAINST 18% GST RULING

BISMAH MALIK @Bengaluru

AMIDST a hotly debated topic on GST on various types of flattened breads (roti, parota) on social media, Bengaluru-based company iD Fresh Food said it will appeal against a recent GST ruling of the Authority for Advance Rulings (Karnataka bench) which called for a distinction between rotis and parotas, and subjected parotas to a higher GST rate of 18%.

ID Fresh Food, which sells various types of idli-dosa batter and ready-to-heat flattened breads (parotas) did brisk business during the lockdown as the whole country stayed indoors. PC Musthafa, co-founder and CEO of iD Fresh Food, said in a statement, "At iD Fresh Food, we are committed to follow the law of the land and work in the interest of the community. In today's challenging times, we need -- more than ever before -- to build an environment that is conducive to recovery and growth. We have decided to appeal against the recent ruling by the Authority of Advance Ruling (AAR) Karnataka that 'parota' as classified under Chapter Heading 2106 is not khakhra, plain chapati, or roti, so 18% of Goods and Service Tax is applicable."

The company also quoted a Maharashtra AAR ruling which noted that unleavened flatbread such as plain chapatti, tortilla, roti, roti rolls, wraps, paratha and paratha wraps are covered under Entry No. 99 A of Schedule I and therefore are liable to GST at 5%.

"Also, in its 2012 notification (FD 57 CSL 2012), under the Karnataka Value Added Tax Act, 2003, the government had not made such distinction and reduced the tax payable for ready-to-cook chapati and parota to 5%. I'm hopeful that we will get this matter resolved soon so that our consumers can continue to enjoy healthy Indian foods at affordable prices," Musthafa added.

Fuel tax hikes begin biting as prices rise, further increases likely

JONATHAN ANANDA @New Delhi

THE spate of heavy fuel tax hikes effected by the Centre and state governments since March this year have finally begun to bite consumers. As on Friday, oil marketing companies (OMC) had hiked petrol and diesel prices by Rs 3.31 and Rs 3.42 per litre respectively through six consecutive increases starting Sunday.

According to industry sources, fuel prices are likely to increase by another ₹1.5-2 per litre over the next few days as OMCs pass on the full impact of the ₹13 and ₹16 per litre excise duty hikes (on petrol and diesel respectively) imposed by the Centre since March 15, and factor in rising crude oil rates.

OMCs had kept prices unchanged since March 16 due to heavy volatility in global crude oil markets and a collapse in fuel demand due to the pandemic-driven lockdown. "But, now crude rates have risen and demand is back to around 70-75 per cent of levels seen in February, so (OMCs) are passing on the duty hikes to preserve profit margins," a senior OMC official told *TNIE*, preferring to remain unnamed.

Brent prices had dived from $68.91 per barrel (/bbl) in early January to a record low of below $16/bbl in April. But steadily improving demand has seen prices climb to $39-40/bbl currently—around 30 per cent more than its March 16 level of $30 per barrel, but still over 50 per cent lower than in January.

This decrease has resulted in little to no benefit for consumers—the gains funneled away by the mammoth excise hikes and lesser VAT increases. For instance, petrol prices in Delhi are currently just 1 per cent lower (₹74.57/litre) than on January 6 (₹75.69/litre), even as crude rates stand reduced by over 50 per cent.

While both states and the Centre have hiked levies, the lion's share of the tax burden comes from central excise duties. In the national capital, Central levies account for 44 per cent of the retail cost of petrol, while state VAT accounts for 22 per cent. The situation is similar across states, with marginal variances due to differences in rates of VAT.

CHEAP, BUT NOT CLEANER

BEE postpones rollout of new energy norms for fans

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

THE Bureau of Energy Efficiency (BEE), a statutory body under the Ministry of Power, has deferred its plans to enforce energy labelling norms for ceiling fans—similar to refrigerators and air-conditioners—keeping the viral pandemic in view. A change in these norms would have had an impact on cost and price of the product.

"Fans are a common man's product and hence, reasonably priced. A star rating would have meant an immediate cost increase by up to 10 per cent. Against the backdrop of job losses and pay cuts sinking in, the decision is a welcome move," said Atul Jain, chairman of Indian Fans Manufacturers Association (IFMA). Since the industry was informed about the star rating for fans earlier this year, manufacturers were ready with designs, but the lockdown led to an almost three-month production closure, he adds.

Originally slated to be implemented from July 1, 2020, the implementation of new norms have been postponed to January 1, 2022. Jain, who is also the executive vice-president of Orient Electric, explained that the pricing of products is the biggest determinant for white goods sales in India and price hikes have a bearing on customer sentiment, while acknowledging that the new standard were help conserve energy and reduce carbon footprint. After witnessing zero sales in April, the ₹12,000 crore fan market has witnessed some pent-up demand in May. "For Orient, we are seeing more sales for pedestal fans and overall, there is a gradual pick-up. However, we are yet to see any growth," Jain noted. The size of the organised market stands close to ₹7,500 crore and is expected to record a CAGR of 15 per cent over next five years.

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Unique run to raise funds for badminton coaches and staff

Chief national badminton coach **Pullela Gopichand**, Arjuna awardees Ashwini Nachappa and Malathi Holla have joined hands with IDBI Federal Life Insurance and NEB Sports to launch a unique run called 'Run to the Moon' to raise funds for beleaguered coaches and sports staff in their respective academies and sports foundations.

BCCI CONSIDERING UAE AS PLAN 'A' FOR IPL

With highly-rated hospitality, suitable time zone for broadcasters and nation expressing interest, board feels Emirates could be viable venue for tournament

VENKATA KRISHNA B @Chennai

WITH the Covid-19 situation not under control in India, the BCCI is looking at UAE as the best possible destination for IPL in October-November. With the Emirates Cricket Board (ECB) expressing interest in hosting the tournament, the BCCI believes with three stadia in close proximity, it would be the best option for all the stakeholders.

The BCCI at the moment is waiting for the ICC to announce its decision on the T20 World Cup. Keeping the IPL in India remains BCCI's first priority, but considering that most of the metro cities are witnessing a spike in coronavirus cases, Tier II cities become the second option. However, with things not looking good even in Indore and Mohali, the board is left with little to choose from.

Had the situation been better in Mumbai, the BCCI would have been able to use Wankhede Stadium, DY Patil, Brabourne Stadium and even Pune's Maharashtra Cricket Association Stadium. However, with the state among the most affected, that possibility is ruled out.

Sheikh Zayed Stadium in Abu Dhabi was among the three venues of IPL 2014's first leg in UAE. BCCI had shifted half of the tournament to the nation back then due to Lok Sabha elections

Although Sri Lanka has also expressed interest in hosting the IPL, there are complications. Colombo has three stadia but only R Premadasa has floodlights. This means Hambantota, Pallekele and Dambula have to be considered as alternate venues, which means logistical challenges like transportation of teams and their accommodation.

This is why BCCI believes UAE will be the best bet. Sheikh Zayed Stadium, Dubai Sports Complex and Sharjah Cricket Stadium are close to each other which makes travel by road an easy option. Moreover, they also have state-of-the-art practice facilities. Hospitality in these places is also rated as very good and the BCCI already has the experience of conducting a part of the IPL in the UAE, in 2014. Most importantly, timings in UAE will help the broadcaster.

"UAE is viable option because you need bio-secure stay. Ideally a place where no outsider is allowed will be needed and in UAE, you can get that provided two or three teams occupy a hotel. Since the IPL will have players from all countries, best safety measures are needed, which includes less travel. That's why UAE ticks all the boxes. Plus, its past history of hosting the tournament will also be helpful," a highly-placed source in the BCCI told this newspaper.

Franchises look at publicity, hospitality cost cut

ATREYO MUKHOPADHYAY @Chennai

THE BCCI's announcement that the IPL will be held this year is good news for the broadcasters and franchises. Revenue from the event sustains them and also makes BCCI by far the richest cricket board.

However, the prevailing economic situation may force changes in spending plans. Committed to a certain sum contractually, individual sponsors of the eight teams may not be in a position to spend as generously, considering that business has been down. Not many see a dramatic turnaround in the coming months either. On an average, a franchise earns around ₹30-₹40 crore from sponsorship in a season. How the economic downturn affects this has to be seen. Some of the franchises apprehend a dip in this figure.

Second, if matches are played behind closed doors, there will be no gate money. Ticket sales from seven home games amount to around ₹15-₹25 crore, depending on venue capacity. This is a source of income for the franchises which will dry up completely, considering that fans in stands is not a likely scenario anywhere at the moment.

₹120-₹140 cr
ANNUAL EXPENSE OF AN IPL TEAM

HOW THEY EARN
- ₹220 cr from central pool (media rights, title sponsorship).
- ₹30-₹40 cr from sponsorship.
- ₹15-₹25 cr from gate money.

WHAT HAPPENS THIS YEAR
- Sponsorship amount may reduce.
- No gate money if IPL is held behind closed stands.

Figures are approximate

Despite these, there is no chance of franchises suffering losses. All eight are assured nearly ₹220 crore each from media rights. Annual average operational cost including everything for an IPL franchise is around ₹120-₹140 crore. Even if the franchises lose out on sponsorship and gate receipts, they are covered by their share of the central pool.

Even then, apprehending comparatively lower returns from sponsorship and nothing from ticket sales, some of the franchises have started thinking of cutting cost. With player payments, hotel rents and travel fare being non-negotiable, they will look at areas like marketing, publicity and hospitality to reduce operational costs.

"Our annual publicity and marketing budget is ₹8-₹10 crore. Since we can't save on fees of players, hotel and travel, we are thinking of cutting down on the marketing front. It's possible that we will go slow this season and not have publicity programmes. Other than zero from ticket sales, we are not sure if our sponsors will stick to their commitments in the aftermath of the pandemic which has affected economic activities," said a franchise official.

This exercise may result in losses for professionals hired specifically for publicity purposes. "Those involved directly with our operations may not be affected, but we employ people indirectly during the IPL. It's an area we have to review if the gross income goes down. Cost-cutting can affect hospitality also. Certain things may have to be scaled down," added the official, who spoke on the condition of anonymity.

Delhi Capitals director Mustafa Ghouse thinks along similar lines, without looking too far ahead. "A large part of marketing is attracting fans to the stadium. If that's not an element, there is scope on that front (of cutting cost), but it's difficult to say how exactly it's going to be until we have clarity on how the IPL is going to happen."

Fencing body adopts AFI's SOP

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @New Delhi

THE Fencing Association of India has adopted the Athletics Federation of India's SOP, stating that all major points are covered in it and they do not need to come up with one of their own.

The association has asked all its athletes to adhere to the AFI SOP guidelines as well as other state and central government directives. "The AFI SOP is extensive and covers almost all points required in fencing. Hence we decided to adopt their SOP and we have sent it to all athletes and coaches. We may update it on a later date depending on the evolving situation," FAI secretary Bashir Ahmed Khan told this daily.

There are no plans to hold a national camp anytime soon due to the nature of the sport. Top Indian fencer Bhavani Devi is in Chennai and the association wants her to return to Italy where she trains as soon as international flight restrictions are removed.

BACK TO REALITY

Sevilla's Fernando (C) celebrates with teammates after scoring against Real Betis in their La Liga clash at Ramon Sanchez Pizjuan Stadium, Seville on Friday. The match, which the hosts won 2-0, marked the return of the league after a three-month hiatus due to the pandemic | AFP

EXPRESS READ

KSCA may start season with one-day league format

BENGALURU: The Karnataka State Cricket Association held a managing committee meeting on Friday to duscuss the way forward. It has been tentatively decided to start their 2020-21 cricket season with the one-day league format by the first or second week of July.

After Sri Lanka, Zimbabwe tour scrapped

NEW DELHI: India's tour of Zimbabwe in August was called off by BCCI. "...the team will not travel to Sri Lanka and Zimbabwe owing to the current threat of Covid-19," BCCI secretary Jay Shah said. India players are yet to resume training. Camp is unlikely before July.

MANGALORE ELECTRICITY SUPPLY COMPANY LIMITED
(Government of Karnataka undertaking)
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NO: SEE/MNG/EE(O)/AEE-2/20-21/1727-729 DATE: 05.06.2020

SHORT TENDER NOTIFICATION (E-Tendering Mode Only)

Tenders are invited for 2nd time from registered licensed **Supergrade/Class I** Electrical Contractors for the work of Replacement of completely deteriorated squirrel conductor by rabbit conductor of **11KV Kanyana feeder** from 110/11KV Vittal MUSS passing across Ukkuda and Kanyana Section of Vittal sub-division of Bantwal Division on **Total Turnkey Basis** in the jurisdiction of MESCOM, O&M Circle, Mangaluru.

The bids will be received through Electronic (E-tendering) mode only. The detailed tender notification information can be obtained by logging on to **http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** on or after **15.06.2020.** Any further details can be obtained from the undersigned during office hours.

Superintending Engineer (Ele.), O & M Circle, MESCOM, Mangaluru

For Power Related Complaints and Assistant Call Toll Free Number 1912

KARNATAKA POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED
(CIN : U40109KA1999SGC025521)
No. : CEE/TZ/KLB/SEE(O)/AEE-1/2020-21/171 Date: 12.06.2020

TENDER NOTIFICATION (e-Procurement mode only)

KPTCL, Transmission Zone, Kalaburagi, invites bids from the eligible bidders for the following work against Bid Enquiry No.: CEE/TZ/KLB/SEE(O)/AEE-1/2020-21/Services-1/Manpower 20 Nos. MRB Circle dtd: 12.06.2020.

Particulars of work: Tender for outsourcing the srevices of 20 Nos. of Manpower (10 Nos. in TLM Sub-division Sindhanur in TL&SS division Lingasugur and 10 Nos. in TLM sub-division Munirabad in TL&SS division, Munirabad) by an external agency under the jurisdiction of Trans(W&M) Circle, KPTCL, Munirabad.

For more information log on to KPTCL website **https://kptcl.karnataka.gov.in** on hyperlink "e-Procurement" on/after **15.06.2020** or directly on procurement website **www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in**

Sd/- Chief Engineer, Electy., Transmission Zone, "Prasarana Bhavana", KPTCL, Sedam Road, Kalaburagi

KARNATAKA POWER CORPORATION LIMITED
(SHARAVATHY VALLEY HYDRO ELECTRIC PROJECT)
CIN : U85110KA1970SGC001919
No.:KPCL/2020-21/PS/WORK_INDENT1001 Date: 09.06.2020

ABSTRACT e-TENDER NOTIFICATION

Bids in two covers are invited through e-Procurement Portal **(Website URL:https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in)** for the **work of "Supply and retrofitting of six nos. of brake & jack assembly for third stage Generators at Sharavathy Generating Station"** from reputed bidders with proven track record of successful completion of similar works as specified in pre-qualifying requirements. Tenders must be electronically submitted (online through internet) within the due date and time published in e-Procurement portal. EMD of **Rs. 15,500/-** and tender processing fee should be paid online through e-Procurement portal. Last date & time for online submission of tenders: **24.06.2020 up to 16.30 Hrs.** Date & time for opening of Technical Bid: **26.06.2020 at 16.30 Hrs.** Further information, if required, can be obtained from office of the **Executive Engineer (Generator) Jog, Sharavathy, KPCL, Jogfalls-577435, Sagar Taluk, Shivamogga Dist, Karnataka.Mobile No: 9449598804 or HP HELPDESK No. +91-8023010900/01.**

DIESEL LOCOMOTIVE WORKS, VARANASI - 221004
Bid No. E-07/2020-2021 **E-TENDERS** Dated : 08.06.2020

E-Tenders are invited for & on behalf of the President of India for the supply of following items. Only E-offers will be accepted for which vendors must have Class III Digital Signature and registration on IREPS. The details of tenders are in the following sequence :- S. No. - Tender No. (Due Date), Description and Quantity. **(1)** 06201133 (30.07.2020), Main transformer 7775 KVA type lot 7500 for WAP7 Electric Locomotive CAT No. P/2/0006 C&D No. T011/500 Spec. CLW Spec. No. CLW/ES/3/0660/C TO P.L. No.29731057, 296 Nos. **(2)** 06201092A, (20.07.2020), 3 Phase Asyncronous Motor (Resistance Ring Mechanically Interlocked to End Plate Design Rotor Schem-II) for traction motor type 6FRA-6068 for WAG-9 & WAP-7 Loco without Active speed sensor & pinion to PL No.29942007, 1620 Nos. **(3)** 06201178, (02.07.2020), Roof Mounted Air Conditioning System without "Trough" CAT No. P/0/0217 C&D No/Stock No. T016/554 Spec.: RDSO/2007/EL/Spec/0055 (Rev.1) to PL No.29811028 659 Nos. **(4)** 06201290 (14.07.2020), Resistor Harmonic Filter for WAG-9/WAP-7 loco Spec.: CLW/ES/3/0015/B to PL No.29650033, 274 Nos. **(5)** 06201102, (10.07.2020), Pantograph Disconnecting + Earthing Device CAT No.P/0/0146 C& D No./Stock No. T016/005 Spec: Spec.No.CLW/ES/3/0008/B to PL No.29810050, 282 Nos. **(6)** 06191050, (22.07.2020), Traction Motors for WDG3A Locomotives with pinion only Gear Ratio 18:74 Nil Nil Spec: RDSO Spec.: No. MP.0.2402.13 (Rev.03) March 2013 This is a safety item to PL no.12080354, 105 Nos. **(7)** 06201020, (29.06.2020), Low Maintenance Lead Acid Battery (8 V/500 AH) as per Drg. No. 10631528, RDSO Spec No. DEL /SPN/ 193, Rev-03, July-98 ALT-F This is a safety item to PL No.18640011, 183 Nos. **(8)** 06191058A, (07.07.2020), Aces (Automatic Control of engine stop) with APU (Auxiliary Power Unit) for Diesel electric Alco Loco (For WDG3A) Spec.: DMW Specification no. DEL/SPN/240 Alt A1 and RDSO Specification no. MP.0.2400.62 (Rev.0) to PL No.12841055, 20 Nos. **(9)** 06191059A, (02.07.2020), Suspension Arrangement Accessories kit of TM 4907 of Alco Locomotive this is a safety item EL/PT /0711 b Spec.: RDSO STR No. MP. STR.EM. 01.01.12, (Rev.01) July 2019 to PL No.12087956, 252 Sets. **(10)** 05205173, (06.07.2020), Dieless Indent Crimping Machine MOD-71906, 3 Nos. **(11)** 05205185, (08.07.2020), Electric Stacker MOD-71905, 2 Nos. **(12)** 05205187, (08.07.2020), Electro Hydraulic Pump with Dieless Indent Crimping Head MOD-71902, 3 Set. **(13)** 05205188, (08.07.2020), Cable Harness Analyzer System MOD-71901, 2 Nos. **(14)** 05205189, (08.07.2020), Cantilever Storage System MOD-71912, 7 Set. **(15)** 04201189, (03.07.2020), High tensile centre buffer coupler, Part No.11032753, 83 Nos. **(16)** 04201354, (06.07.2020), Kit for Computer control brake system Part No.17459758, 6 Set. **(17)** 04201257, (10.07.2020), Protection Plate Assly. Part No.29180053, 277 Set. **(18)** 04201244, (10.07.2020), Lock Assly. For MR Doors, Part No.29171003, 297 Set. **Note:** For Complete details of EMD and downloading of tender documents and Hindi Version also available at website **www.dlw.indianrailways.gov.in** and **www.ireps.gov.in. Corrigendum Dated : 10.06.2020 Bid No.: E-06 Tender No.: 03201594 Details of Corrigendum : Tender (due to open on 07.07.2020) has been cancelled.**

P.R.O/DLW/S-10 On the behalf of PCMM

/ diesellocoworks "Website :- www.dlw.indianrailways.gov.in"

KARNATAKA STATE FINANCIAL CORPORATION
(Established under State Financial Corporations Act, 1951)
Branch Office : No.37, 1st Floor, Opp: DC Office, Hospet Road, KOPPAL – 583 231.
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SALE OF GRANITE FACTORY THROUGH e-AUCTION

The following assets of **NYS Granite Impex Pvt Ltd.** taken over under section 29 of the State Financial Corporations Act, 1951 are available for sale on **"as is where is"** basis and will be sold through e-auction. Persons interested to purchase the assets may participate in the e-auction through web site **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in**

1) Land & Building: Industrially converted land at Sy.No.35/2/5 & 35/2/9, **Bandragal village, Kushtagi Tq., Koppal Dist,** measuring 1 acre 38 guntas N.A. Land and factory building: measuring 2963.51 sq.m and an RCC block measuring 145.82 sq.m. slurry tanks, borewell, etc. **Reserve Price : Rs.1,77,69,000/-, EMD : Rs.17,77,000/-.**

2) Plant & Machinery: Italian make block cutting machine multi wire GOLD BRETON model 1600/7.3/V/56 (56 wire cutting capacity) 2013 make with all accessories, Italian make continuous belt polisher for granite slabs LEVIBRETON model KG3600/022/S013 (13 heads polisher) with JIB crane and all accessories. Indigenous plant & machinery : 50 ton capacity gantry crane - 1 No., EOT cranes -2 Nos; automatic epoxy / resin coating machine, block dressing machines - 2 Nos; edge cutting machine - 2 Nos. slurry tank, hand operated crane with pump – 1No., trollies, Chicago Pneumatic air compressor, Machinery MCCB control panels etc. **Reserve Price: Rs.3,00,00,000/-, EMD: Rs.30,00,000/-.**

Terms and conditions of Sale: (1) Bid opening date and time: **01-07-2020** at **11.00 AM.** (2) Last date and time for payment of EMD & expression of interest to participate in e-auction is **10-07-2020** at **2.00 PM.** (3) Bid closing date and time: **10-07-2020** at **4.00 PM.** Interested bidders may contact the undersigned for more details. (4) Inspection Date & Time for all the above units : 22-06-2020 to 08-07-2020 from 10.00 AM to 4.00 PM (on all working days). (5) The Corporation reserves the right to give preference to award the bid to persons who bid for both for land and building and plant and machinery. (6) Successful bidder should pay applicable GST on the bid value of plant and machinery (7) The successful bidder of land and building should bear statutory dues, if any on the assets/unit. (8) Interested bidder may contact undersigned for more information. (9) The other terms and conditions of sale through e-Auction are detailed in the website viz **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** Persons interested to purchase the above assets are requested to participate in the above e-auction. Borrowers, personal guarantors and collateral security owners may also use this opportunity to persuade any bidder to participate in the e-auction from their side.

Date : 12-06-2020 **Sd/-**
Place : Koppal **Branch Manager**

KERALA WATER AUTHORITY
e-Tender Notice

Tender No: Re-Tender No.02/2020-21/SE/Q. State Plan 2020-21-Source improvement of Sasthamcotta water treatment plant. EMD : Rs. 100000. Tender fee : Rs. 7500+1350 (18% GST- It will be paid by the contractor on reverse charge basis while filing his returns). Last Date for submitting Tender : 29-06-2020 02:00:pm. Phone : 0474 2745293. Website : **www.kwa.kerala.gov.in, www.etenders.kerala.gov.in**

KWA-JB-GL-6-75-2020-21 Superintending Engineer PH Circle, Kollam

DECEASED

A unknown male person aged about 80 years shown in the photograph, who was found under a bad physical condition in Railway Station Platform, Thiruvananthapuram on 10.02.2020, was brought to General Hospital, Thiruvananthapuram and died on 28.02.2020, 21.45 Hrs. In connection with this a case was registered at Railway Police Station, Thiruvananthapuram as Crime No. 24/2020 U/S 174 Crpc. If anyone obtained the where about of the above said deceased person please inform to the nearest Police Station or to the Govt. Railway Police Station, Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala. **Mob: 9497981113, 0471-2331258**

945/F2/2020/I&PRD Sd/-, Sub Inspector of Police, Railway Police Station Thiruvananthapuram Central.

RAIL WHEEL FACTORY
Yelahanka, Bengaluru – 560 064.
Fax No: 080-28460337, Ph: 080-2807 2216
Website: www.rwf.indianrailways.gov.in

Tender Notice No. RWF/W/20-21/02 Dated: 11.06.2020

E- TENDER: On Behalf of the President of India, the **Dy. CHIEF ENGINEER** invites electronic tender for the following works online through the website **https://www.ireps.gov.in** (Works).

Tender No / Description	Estimated Value & EMD Amount in Rs.
W.496/RWF/YNK/934 **Sub Work - 1.** Mechanical department rest room on first floor of GSD staff rest room in front of EMMS inside plant of RWF/Yelahanka. **Sub Work - 2.** Renovation of Moulding Room Rest Room with toilet facility at RWF/Yelahanka.	55,69,727.94 / 1,11,400/-

Closing Date &Time: **08.07.2020 at 11.00hrs.**
The detailed tender notice can be viewed on our website: **www.rwf.indianrailways.gov.in**
Dy. CHIEF ENGINEER

KARNATAKA POWER CORPORATION LIMITED
(KALINADI HYDRO ELECTRIC PROJECT)
CIN : U85110KA1970SGC001919
No:Tender/HSP/GG/2020/Call-2 Dated: 10.06.2020

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Through GoK e-Procurement Portal only)

E-tenders in two cover system are invited from eligible bidders for **Providing of One No. of (Type- Diesel) 8+1 seater for 1000 kms per month & on 24 hrs. duty per day [Engine-1800CC to 3000 CC] like Mahindra Bolero or equivalent vehicle, with Driver, Fuel And Lubricants (POL) on hire basis for Hospital Shift duties and General duties at Ganeshgudi of model 2017** or above for a period of 2 years (extendable by one more year on the performance of the agency and condition of the vehicle). **EMD: Rs.30,868/-.** Tender documents may be downloaded from GoK, e-procurement **website URL:https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** under login of bidders. Tenders shall be submitted in e-procurement portal only. EMD and tender processing fee should be paid online through e-procurement portal. Date and time of Pre bid meeting: 17.06.2020 at 11:30 hrs. at the office of EE(MSP)A, Ambikanagar. Last date and time for on-line submission of tenders is upto 22.06.2020 17:00 hrs. Date and time for opening of Technical bid is on 24.06.2020 10:00hrs. Date and time of opening of financial bid will be intimated later separately. Further information if required can be obtained from office of **The Executive Engineer (MSP) A, KPCL,** Ambikanagar-581363, Haliyal Taluk, Karwar District.Tel: 08284-258681. Mobile:94495 99113. Email: eemspa@karnatakapower.com

Department of Treasuries
Ground Floor, Podium Block, VV Towers, Ambedkar Veedhi, Bangalore–560001 Phone: 080 — 22867700 Fax: 080 — 22860142

No. DOT/NMC/77/16-17 Dated: 08-06-2020

Tender Notification

Selection of an agency for providing printing services at Treasury Offices

Department of Treasuries invites tender for Selection of an agency for providing printing services at Treasury Offices. Tender details are available at the e-Procurement platform & tenders shall be submitted electronically at www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in

Sd/-
DIPR/DDU275/SPAN/2020-21 **Commissioner of Treasuries, Treasury Department**

BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE
Office of the Executive Engineer, BBMP, K.R. Pura Division, Old Madras Road, K.R. Pura, Bangalore - 560 036.

No. : BBMP/EE/KRP/TND/16/2020-21 Date : 11-06-2020

INVITATION FOR SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION (IFT)
(Two Cover System) (Through GOK e-Procurement Portal only)

The Executive Engineer, K.R. Pura Division invites **Item Rate tenders** from eligible tenderers registered in BBMP or equivalent registration with CPWD / KPWD / Railways / MES / Any State or Central Government Organisation for the works detailed in the table below.

Sl. No.	Name of the Work	Approximate Value of Work (Rs. in Lakhs)	EMD (in Rs.)
1.	Construction of Govt. Hospital and Ward Office at R.M. Nagara Ward Area in Ward No. 26.	75.00	1,50,000/-
2.	Comprehensive Development of Roads and Drains in NRI Layout, Kalkere Banjara Layout, K. Channasandra and R.M. Nagara Ward Surrounding Area in Ward No. 26.	100.00	2,00,000/-
3.	Improvements to Roads and Drains at Jyothinagar in Horamavu Ward No. 25.	65.00	1,30,000/-
4.	Improvements to Roads and Drains at Kowdenahalli in Ramamurthy Nagara Ward No. 26	75.00	1,50,000/-
5.	Improvements to Roads and Drains at Ambedkar Nagara in Vijinapura Ward No. 51.	55.00	1,10,000/-
6.	Improvements to Roads and Drains at K.R. Pura Slum Area in K.R. Pura, Ward No. 52.	55.00	1,10,000/-
7.	Development Works at Kasturi Nagar Park Surrounding Area in Vijinapura, Ward No. 51.	99.00	1,98,000/-
8.	Improvements and Development Works at Kuvempu Ground Surrounding Area in Vijinapura, Ward No. 51.	99.00	1,98,000/-
9.	Improvements and Development Works at Vijinapura Surrounding Area in Vijinapura, Ward No. 51.	52.00	1,04,000/-
10.	Construction of Box Culvert and Improvements to Rosas iction of Box and Improvements to Roads, Drains at Sankalpa Layout in RM Nagara, Ward No. 26	100.00	2,00,000/-

(1) Availability of RFP Document from **16-06-2020** Onwards. (2) Pre-Bid Meeting will be held **on 19-06-2020 at 11.30 am in the Chief Engineer Office, K.R. Pura, Headed by Chief Engineer, Mahadevapura, BBMP.** (3) Last date for submission of tender documents **On or before 25-06-2020 at 4.00 pm.** (4) Technical bids will be opened on the **Website : https://eproc. karnataka.gov.in** in the **Office of the Executive Engineer, K.R. Pura Division on 29-06-2020 at 4.00 pm.** The details regarding participation for this tender can be obtained by logging on to: **https://eproc. karnataka.gov.in.**

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Pay Development Charges, Help to Develop Bengaluru

Google has now added OnePlus 5, 6 as well as 7 series smartphones to the list of supported devices for its Stadia game-streaming platform, the company said in a statement.

UK's antitrust watchdog, Competition and Markets Authority, on Friday announced it has launched an investigation into Facebook's $400 million acquisition of GIF-sharing service Giphy that would be part of its Instagram team.

Diabetics at higher risk of fractures

LOW BONE STRENGTH

LONDON: People living with diabetes are at greater risk of bone fractures, according to a new study.

The research noted that people with type 1 and type 2 diabetes have an increased risk of suffering hip and non-vertebral fractures.

A non-vertebral fracture is a fracture not occurring in the spine and excluding fractures of the skull.

The findings, revealed during the Diabetes Awareness Week being observed from June 8-14, show that people with type 1 diabetes are at greater risk than people with type 2 diabetes. Insulin use and length of time someone has lived with the condition further increased the risk for people with type 2 diabetes.

People with type 1 diabetes don't produce insulin, while those with type 2 don't respond to insulin as well as they should and later in the disease often don't make enough insulin. Both the types can lead to chronically high blood sugar levels, said researchers.

The study, published online in the *Bone* journal, was conducted by the University of Sheffield in collaboration with the Sutter Health, a US-based not-for-profit integrated health delivery system, and the University of California.

Richard Eastell, Professor of Bone Metabolism and Director of the University of Sheffield's Mellanby Centre for Bone Research, said: "This important research highlights the urgent need for doctors to evaluate the risk of fracture for patients with diabetes and also to look at potential treatments which may help to reduce that risk."

EXFILE

A GIANT BIPEDAL CROC

Ancient crocodiles — long thought to have walked on all fours like their modern-day cousins — may have got around on two legs, according to new research published in the journal *Nature Scientific Reports* on Thursday. We take a look

EVIDENCE OF WALKING ON TWO LEGS

The lack of handprints and tail-drag marks found at the dig site, as well as the animal's narrow gait, also indicated bipedal movement. The finding could shed light on how other creatures such as pterosaurs moved about

24-CM

long track prints give a sense of the size of these croc relatives

ANCESTOR OF THE CROCODILE

Researchers believe the footprints may have been made by a three-metre long crocodile ancestor

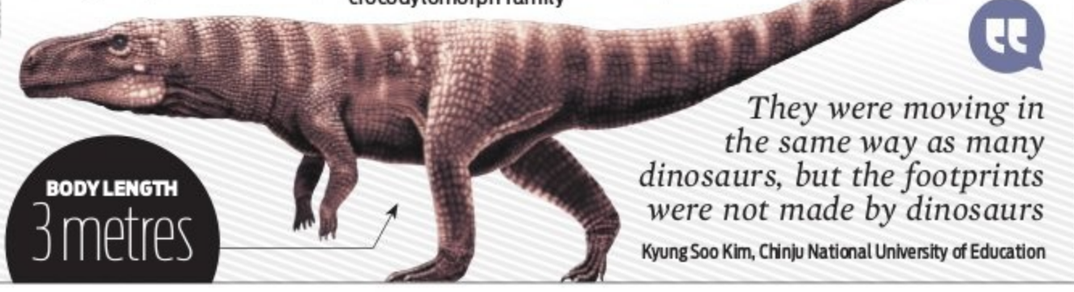
Called *Batrachopus grandis*, it walked around "like a crocodile balancing on a tight-rope"

EARLY SUSPECTS

Researchers initially thought the tracks were those of an ancient pterosaur — a winged dinosaur that roamed Earth until 66 million years ago. But, they more likely belonged to a particularly large and previously undiscovered member of the crocodylomorph family

LEG SIZE SAME AS THAT OF HUMANS

Palaeontologists from the University of Queensland claim that the legs of the ancient creatures would have been about the same size as those of an adult human



They were moving in the same way as many dinosaurs, but the footprints were not made by dinosaurs

Kyung Soo Kim, Chinju National University of Education

KOREAN NATIVE

A team of researchers from China, Australia and the US analysed footprints found at the Jinju Formation. Located in modern-day South Korea, the site has revealed ancient species of lizards, spiders and tiny raptors dating back to

120 MN YEARS

HOW THEY WALKED

The ancient crocodiles most likely would have walked flat on their feet, digging their heels into the earth much like humans do — leaving deep, narrow impressions

LOW CENTRE OF GRAVITY

Reconstructions of the crocodiles show they had a low centre of gravity

Coronavirus spreads mainly through air, say scientists

Study finds airborne transmission highly virulent and social distancing implemented in the US insufficient to protect the public

We have elucidated the transmission pathways of coronavirus disease 2019 (Covid-19) by analysing the trend and mitigation measures in the three epicentres. Our results show that the airborne transmission route is highly virulent and dominant for the spread of Covid-19

Study

DOMINANT ROUTE

LOS ANGELES: Airborne transmission of the novel coronavirus is highly virulent, and could be the dominant route for the spread of Covid-19, according to a study which assessed the progression of the pandemic in three major epicentres across the world.

Scientists, including Mario J. Molina — the recipient of the 1995 Nobel Prize in Chemistry — assessed the transmission pathways of Covid-19 by analysing the trend and mitigation measures used in the three epicentres of the disease — Wuhan in China, New York City in the US and Italy.

The researchers, including those from the University of California San Diego, expressed concern that the World Health Organisation (WHO) for a long time only emphasised the prevention of contact transmission, and largely ignored the importance of the airborne transmission route for the novel coronavirus.

Based on the study, published in *PNAS*, they said airborne transmission, "particularly via nascent aerosols," is highly virulent and represents the dominant route for the transmission of this disease.

According to the findings, "the difference with and without mandated face covering represents the determinant in shaping the trends of the pandemic."

The researchers said this protective measure significantly reduced the number of infections. They believe that the airborne transmission route is highly virulent and dominant for the spread of Covid-19.

"Even with normal nasal breathing, inhalation of virus-bearing aerosols results in deep and continuous deposition into the human respiratory tract, and this transmission route typically requires a low dose," they explained.

Newly released aerosols, about the size of a human hair's width, produced from coughing or sneezing of infected people have the potential of containing many viruses, particularly for carriers who do not show any symptoms, the study noted.

In the study, the researchers analysed the growing trend in the number of patients, and mitigation measures enforced in Wuhan, Italy and New York City from January 23 to May 9, 2020. Between these epicentres, they said the difference in the trends of number of cases is linked to mitigation measures enforcing mandated face covering.

"This protective measure alone significantly reduced the number of infections, that is, by over 78,000 in Italy from April 6 to May 9, and over 66,000 in New York City from April 17 to May 9," the scientists wrote in the study.

According to the researchers, other mitigation measures, such as social distancing implemented in the US, were insufficient by themselves in protecting the public.

"Our work suggests that the failure in containing the propagation of Covid-19 pandemic worldwide is largely attributed to the unrecognised importance of airborne virus transmission," researchers said.

From their analysis, they concluded that wearing protective face masks in the public was highly effective in containing the spread of the disease.

"We conclude that wearing of face masks in public corresponds to the most effective means to prevent inter-human transmission," the researchers added.

"This inexpensive practice, in conjunction with simultaneous social distancing, quarantine, and contact tracing, represents the most likely fighting opportunity to stop the Covid-19 pandemic," they added.

NASA postpones Perseverance launch

MARS ROVER

WASHINGTON: NASA has postponed the launch of its Perseverance Mars rover to July 20 after the team determined that it needed additional time to repair an issue with its ground system equipment.

Perseverance was earlier scheduled to lift off aboard a United Launch Alliance Atlas V 541 rocket on July 17.

"NASA and ULA are now targeting Monday, July 20, for launch of the Mars 2020 mission of the Perseverance Rover on an Atlas V rocket from Space Launch Complex-41 on Cape Canaveral Air Force Station in Florida," NASA officials said on Thursday. The launch is scheduled for 9:15 am ET with a two-hour window.

The rover is scheduled to land on Mars' Jezero Crater on February 18, 2021.

US' YOSEMITE NATIONAL PARK REOPENS

UNESCO SITE

The Yosemite National Park, one of the most visited national parks in the US, has reopened after being closed for months amid the Covid-19 pandemic. "Beginning June 11, the park will open all the primary attractions to some extent and visitors will be able to enter Yosemite in a multitude of ways," said park officials on its official website, noting that they are working to increase access to the park in Northern California in a phased approach following the guidance from the White House, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and state and local public health authorities. Designated as a World Heritage Site in 1984, Yosemite is known for its landscapes and biological diversity.

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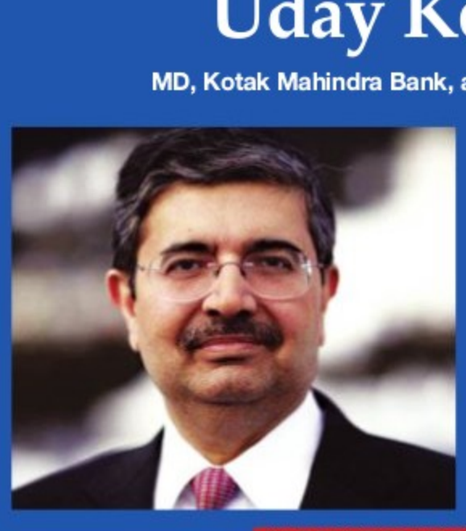

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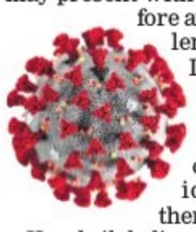
Covid-19 affects entire nervous system: Study

STUDY REVIEW

WASHINGTON: Covid-19 poses a threat to the entire nervous system of infected individuals, according to a review of studies which may help better manage the neurological symptoms of the disease such as headaches, seizures, and strokes.

According to the research, published in *Annals of Neurology*, nearly half of hospitalised Covid-19 patients have neurological manifestations like headache, dizziness, decreased alertness, difficulty concentrating, disorders of smell and taste, seizures, strokes, weakness and muscle pain.

"It's important for the general public and physicians to be aware of this, because a SARS-COV-2 infection may present with neurologic symptoms initially, before any fever, cough or respiratory problems occur," said study lead author Igor Koralnik from Northwestern University in the US.



In the analysis, scientists describe the different neurological conditions that may occur in Covid-19 patients and how to diagnose them.

Koralnik believes that this understanding is key to direct appropriate clinical management and treatment for Covid-19 patients. There are many different ways Covid-19 can cause neurological dysfunction, he said.

According to the study, the disease may affect the entire nervous system, including the brain, spinal cord, nerves, and the muscles. The researchers noted that the brain may also suffer from a lack of oxygen, or from clotting disorders that may lead to strokes.

In addition, they said the virus may cause direct infection of the brain, meninges — a connective tissue lining several parts of the nervous system — and the cerebrospinal fluid (CSF) which acts as a shock absorber for the skull.

The scientists said careful studies of the inflammatory and immune cell response within the CSF to SARS-CoV-2, as well as post mortem studies including the nervous system and muscle tissues are urgently needed to better understand neurological manifestations of Covid-19.

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DAY'S DIARY

Happy birthday!

American actor Chris Evans, best-known for playing comic book superhero Captain America on the big screen, was born on this day in 1981

AS A MODEL

Evans began acting in plays when he was in school. After his studies, he moved to New York to pursue a career in acting. He began his career as a model in Hasbro's board game 'Mystery Date' in 1999

A SUPERHERO

In 2005, he played his first superhero role as the Human Torch in the film adaptation of the comic book *Fantastic Four*. He reprised his role in the 2007 sequel *Fantastic Four: Rise of the Silver Surfer*

CAPTAIN AMERICA

In 2015, he played the role of Captain America in *Avengers: Age of Ultron* and *Ant-Man*. He reprised the role in *Captain America: Civil War*, and in *The Avengers: The Endgame*

Gulabo Sitabo: Shoojit Sircar's heartiest film

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BULL TEMPLE

FORUM MALL

STORM AFTER THE CALM

Traffic signals are busy again, malls and restaurants are revving up to serve customers, bargain hunters are back at shops... as the city picks up the threads, we check out if the verve is back with the willpower

• Pallavi Srivastava

On your mark, get set, go... The signal flag went down last Monday, but nobody really made a dash for anything. Instead, we witnessed careful participants trudging slowly, measuring each step, wondering, with baby-like bewilderment, how long it will take to get a steady pace. If at all.

Unlock 1.0 opened a lot of doors, but there was no rush to catch the sunlight. The possessions of pride of any city – malls, restaurants, hotels – that had suddenly become mere showpieces, carefully preserved among the rest of the chinaware to be used some day, have been cleaned and polished. But the wait for guests has been a long one. A jaunt across the city throws up similar sights of anticipation – security personnel suppressing excited smiles as they aim the thermometer at your forehead, sales executives following the drill of staying 6-feet away from the customer, the lift operator directing you to the boxes drawn on the floor. Suddenly, things seem like the first day at school after the summer break.

The shopping malls are clothed in quietude, with even the mannequins looking eager to usher in the rare visitors that stroll by. Shutters are only half up at some stores. "We are sprucing up the stocks," says a staffer at a dimly-lit store at RMZ Mall, Yelahanka. The mall didn't even charge for parking, as if expressing gratitude that someone at least dared to venture in on the second day of the reopening.

At 1 MG-Lido Mall, one of the apparel stores, still shut, has the Ugadi sale signage intact in the window display. Really, when did the festival come and go? There is nary a shopper in sight. Pure Home+Living, for instance, has seen 40 per cent of its earlier footfall. Yauatcha restaurant opened on Friday, and the staffers seemed glad to have got to welcome a couple of guests.

But even as they wait for the weekend to welcome the droves, perhaps a look at the erstwhile busy junctions will give a reality check. All those memes about Silk Board and Hebbal have got buried deep beneath COVID updates, the rise in traffic a pale fraction of what Bengaluru roads once endured.

The pre-corona time of long waits at Vidyarthi Bhavan, where you were briskly handed a coupon with a three-digit number scribbled on it if you reached after 8am, seems to be in danger of becoming an urban legend. The 76-year-old restaurant still serves the same drenched-in-ghee dosa, but you will no longer relish it alongside a stranger. Or for that matter, beside anyone, partitioned as each diner is from the other. The waiter may not need to cradle the famous train-like stack of plates on his arm, going by the scanty crowd. "It's down to less than half," Bhaskar Pujari, a worker at the restaurant, says, adding that they have reduced the number of tables from 28 to 18.

Most establishments think the situation will remain similarly dull for 2-3 months, or even the rest of the year. Silence pervades religious places too, including the once-sought-after-for-blessings Bull Temple. Nervousness, however, seems to have settled down to a greater degree at markets, which have been open for some time. Basavanagudi has almost got back its bustle, with people content to savour idli-vada-coffee while standing outside Brahmin's Coffee Bar.

Shops have also resumed business on Commercial Street. Although the arterial roads look far sparse than they used to, and not just due to the dug-up roads, if you venture a bit on the left or right, the narrow bowels present a different sight – of groups of women examining spangled outfits, couples navigating their way on two-wheelers, and streets lined with shopkeepers beckoning the passersby.

And yet everything looks and feels different. Masks: Check (if you count those resting on the chin too). Hand-sanitising at stores: Check, check. Sales personnel's attention to you: Check, check, check, check... Social distancing: Cross. Final result: A nation at the crossroads.

COMMERCIAL STREET

FILE PHOTOS

CITY READ

Students win award

Teams from India have bagged awards in four out of six categories at the first virtual Shell Eco-marathon Asia Off-Track Awards. While the on-track event was cancelled in view of the COVID-19 pandemic, students were evaluated online for the off-track awards. Team Eco Titans from VIT University won the Communications Award.

Best friends forever: Mayuri ties the knot

• Express Features

Ours was a typical love story that went on for 10 years, and the marriage took place with the consent of our parents," says Mayuri Kyatari of *Krishna Leela* fame. It was a hush-hush wedding for the actor, who tied the knot with her best friend, Arun, on Friday at Venkateswara Temple, JP Nagar, during the Brahma Muhurta. The actor, who gained popularity with the serial Ashwini Nakshatra, decided to go for a low-key wedding ceremony in the presence of family and friends.

"Yes, I am married," Kyatari announced by putting up a video of the ceremony on social media. Soon after, congratulatory messages came pouring in from all corners. Kyatari told *CE* that due to the pandemic, the couple felt social distancing was the need of the hour. "We decided not to make the wedding a grand affair.

Mayuri Kyatari with Arun

We got married with just the blessings of our elders. We felt this would be best for us as well as everyone."

It was a love-cum-arranged marriage for the actor, who made her tinsel town debut with *Krishna Leela*. The actor was ecstatic to marry her childhood friend. "I started my acting career at a tender age, and Arun has been with me since then. We started out as good friends, became best friends, later fell in love and now, we decided to take our relationship forward. Today, we are husband and wife," says Kyatari about Arun, who is currently based in Whitefield and works for a private firm. "Every parent would want to see their children settle down and we are glad to fulfil their wish," she adds.

The 11-film old actor, who has played the female lead and other pivotal roles in *Ishtakamya, Nataraja Service, Kariya 2, Raambo 2*, and *Johnny Johhny Yes Papa*, is planning to pursue her career post marriage too. "Marriage will not stop me from following my passion. I will continue working in cinema forever, with my husband Arun's support," says Kyatari, whose next will be *Pogaru*, starring Dhruva Sarja, in which she will be seen in a prominent role.

BENGALURU BEATS

'NEED PUBLIC TRANSPORT TO LINK VARIOUS PARTS OF CITY'

I HAVE always been a supporter of public transport. The city needs robust public transport. I understand that due to fear of virus, people have their inhibitions. Even the Metro is not functioning now but those issues are temporary, otherwise too I have noticed buses going empty.

People commute for more than an hour to reach their offices. In the '70s, when companies like HMT and BSR were set up, people always stayed close to office or the quarters were set by companies closer to their workspace. After the IT boom, people work in Marathahalli or Whitefield but stay in different parts of the city. This does not just increase the traffic but also starts eating into their personal time. I understand that private companies don't provide enough facilities for stay but people should understand the repercussions of staying so far. Parents too are keen on sending their children to schools with different facilities, which are far from their home. A child should not travel more than 3 km to reach their school.

There are around 80 lakh vehicles in the city but roads are designed for a capacity of 14-15 lakh vehicles a day. But we have around 18 lakh vehicles on the road every day.

• Dr MA Saleem,
Additional Director General of Police (Administration), and author of *Traffic Management in Metropolitan Cities*

SOLUTION: We must increase the capacity of the roads, but it might not always be a good idea because there is a limit to the numbers of flyovers that can be constructed. The only other way out is having an adequate public transport system, which is well connected to different parts of the city. The government is doing their bit with Namma Metro project. Once phase 2 and phase 3 of Metro are ready, people will have no reason to not take public transport.

Let your mixed feelings about Bengaluru get stirred up, as an influential person talks about things nice and nasty about the city in this weekly column

'Turning 30 has been the best thing'

TIME PASS

• Express Features

Shruti Haasan, whose last releases were *Singam 3* (Tamil) and *Behen Hogi Teri* (Hindi) in 2017, has since focused on her musical career, performing in multiple musical shows in London and releasing several independent songs. "I have found it difficult to find my space in acting. In the beginning, I went the commercial way, and even though I enjoyed that phase, I was starting to get disillusioned," said Shruti, in a chat arranged as part of Indulge Time Pass, a series of webinars organised by The New Indian Express group, and hosted by senior journalist Kaveree Bamzai.

Shruti was honest about the fact that she continues to struggle in cinema. "Nothing about me, say my facial features or my demeanour, made it easier. After a while, casting agents didn't know how to cast me. But once I came to terms with that, it has been a great learning experience. I like being this indescribable and non-geographical person. While I trained formally in music, I didn't have any kind of learning in acting. And so, I think I didn't have the tools to help me come to a decision quicker. But what I love about my acting career is that I have improved in front of a million people."

On her roles in the upcoming films, *Laabam* (Tamil) with Vijay Sethupathi and *Krack* (Telugu) with Ravi Teja, Shruti Haasan shared, "Yes, they are again commercial. But with these films, I have found voices that are not just caricatures of women, but are also relatable to my personality. It's a great time to be an actor, especially in this multicultural environment, where it becomes impossible to guess the origins of someone from their face."

Speaking about the adulation that she has been receiving over the years, Shruti said it has been overwhelming in a beautiful way. "As artistes, we work for that sound of cheer only. You can't go out and buy it. Recently, the Telugu film *Srimanthudu* brought me that sort of fans' love."

Shruti also said that she has been doing lots of gigs and performances in London over the last couple of years. "Just because I am from India, I don't want to do the Bollywood kind of music. I am interested in giving Western music a smart Indian twist."

The actor also opened up about her struggles with anxiety. "I was trying to live somebody else's version of myself. Soon, I realised that it's not about avoiding anxiety but to let it pass through. The whole thing happens to be a journey of compassion towards yourself. Once I saw it, I never looked back. I guess turning 30 has been the best thing that has happened in my life," she said.

TRI FRUIT HONEY SHAKE

INGREDIENTS

Jackfruit pods: 2
Ripe mango: ½
Banana: 1
Lemon: ½
Honey: 1 tsp
Cardamom powder: ¼ tsp
Vanilla extract (optional): 2 tsp

METHOD

- Cut jackfruit, mango and banana into tiny pieces and put them in a blender.
- Add cardamom, vanilla extract to it. Blend until there are no more chunks. Make it juicy.
- Add lemon juice, honey and stir. Serve chilled.

– by S Sashikala, Chennai

QUICK FIX

What's cooking IN YOUR KITCHEN DURING THIS LOCKDOWN?

We are hungry for recipes with minimum ingredients and maximum flavours. Share your quick-fix with us, along with step-by-step photos, at cityexpresschn@gmail.com.

WORD FOR THE DAY

BIOPHILIA

- Our natural love and wonder for the wilderness and other beings.
- An ingrained and evolutionary necessity to associate with nature – for physical, mental and spiritual well-being.

– by M Yuvan

BRIGHT SPOT

GOODWILL GESTURES

While the protests against police brutality in the US made news all over the world, Antonio Gwynn Jr in Buffalo, New York, made some news of his own. After protests left the Bailey Avenue covered in litter, the 18-year-old took it upon himself to clean up the mess. He kept at it for 10 hours. Having seen Gwynn's work, 27-year-old Matt Block showed his appreciation by presenting the high schooler with his Mustang convertible. This inspired local businessman Bob Briceland to offer a year of free auto insurance coverage through his agency. Topping off the show of goodwill, Medaille College in Buffalo, where he plans to study business this year, offered a full scholarship. All for a day's work! *– CNN*

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FIT BIT

UBHAYA PADANGUSTHASANA

(BOTH BIG TOES POSE)

In Sanskrit, 'Ubhaya' means 'both', 'Pada' means 'foot' and 'Angustha' means 'big toe', and 'asana' means 'pose'. It is a powerful asana for meditation purposes and helps to provide a sense of balance, with an improved energy flow. The muladhara and svadisthana chakras are linked to this asana. With practice, this pose will bring a deep connection of the mind and body, and bring your breathing at a humble pace.

STEPS

- Lie on your back. Keep the feet together and hands by the side of the hips, head resting on the ground.
- Exhale and come to Halasana or Plow Pose.
- Extend the arms and hold both the big toes and stretch the legs.
- Inhale and slowly stretch the legs to point the toes towards the ceiling.
- Lift the upper body and balance the weight on sitting bones.
- Push the head back slightly and focus in between eyebrows.
- Stay in this pose for three long breaths.
- To come out of this pose, release the legs and sit in Dandasana (Staff Pose).
- Now, slowly go back down to Savasana and relax.

BENEFITS

- Calms the mind.
- Regulates the reproductive system.
- Stretches and strengthens the legs and arms.
- Improves digestion.
- Massages the abdominal organs.
- Improves blood circulation.
- Stimulates the nervous system.
- Strengthens the spine.

LIMITATIONS

- Anyone suffering from severe spinal or knee injuries should avoid this posture.
- Pregnant women should avoid practising this asana.
- This asana should not be done during periods.

– by N Elumalai, PhD scholar (Yoga Science) at Meenakshi Academy of Higher Education & Research, Chennai

CLASSIC COMEBACK

DEVON KE DEV... MAHADEV

Lord Shiva is an ascetic. However, he falls in love with Sati, the granddaughter of Lord Brahma, and becomes a householder as their relationship shapes the universe.

- Cast: Mohit Raina, Mouni Roy
- Watch on: Star Plus
- Monday to Sunday at 9.30 pm

SHRIKANT

Raj Lakshmi nurses Shrikant to health when he is affected by plague. During a voyage to Burma, he meets Abhaya, who is abandoned by her husband.

- Cast: Farooq Sheikh, Irrfan Khan, Tiku Talsania, Mrinal Kulkarni
- Watch on: DD National
- Daily at: 3.30 pm

BUNIYAAD

A saga of an upper middle class Punjabi family from Lahore and its four generations spanning over 50 years from the 1920s to the 1950s with many interesting sub plots.

- Cast: Alok Nath, Anita Kanwar, Dalip Tahil
- Watch on: DD National
- Daily at: 10.30 pm

FLOP SHOW

Actor Jaspal Bhatti and his team of comedians present a satirical take on various societal issues through skits and sketches.

- Watch on: DD National
- Time: 6 pm every day

UPANISHAD GANGA

The show shares the knowledge of Upanishads explaining its meaning in the modern context through stories.

- Cast: Dwaraka Prasad
- Watch on: DD Bharati
- Daily at: 6 pm

CHANAKYA

The series is a fictionalised version of the life-history of economist, strategist and political theorist, Chanakya, who was also the royal advisor of King Chandragupta Maurya.

- Cast: Chandraprakash Dwivedi, Dinesh Shakul, Surendra Pal
- Watch on: DD National
- Daily at: 5 pm

POPULAR ON YOUTUBE

RAAJAKUMARA

An honest man overcomes various obstacles while trying to retain the purity of his character and fulfilling the duties towards his family.

- Cast: Puneeth Rajkumar, Priya Anand

EE BANDHANA

An old couple sacrifices everything so their children live a happy life. However, they are forced to separate and subjected to ill-treatment and disrespect in their children's homes.

- Cast: Vishnuvardhan, Jaya Prada, Ananth Nag

SHOURYA

Surya and his sister Vidya are orphans who are often mistreated by local ruffians. Years later, Surya grows up and becomes an honest police officer and sets off to find the killers of his guardian.

- Cast: Darshan, Madalasa Sharma, Avinash

KADHALA KADHALA

Two simpletons always try to earn money the easy way and fall in love with girls from the same college. Hilarious events follow when they try to hoodwink the parents of their lovers to impress them.

- Cast: Kamal Haasan, Prabhu Deva, Soundarya, Rambha

Scan this QR code to find out how your favourite celebs are coping with the lockdown.

WHAT'S ON TED TALKS

1 TINY ROBOTS WITH GIANT POTENTIAL BY PAUL MCEUEN AND MARC MISKIN

Roboticists Paul McEuen and Marc Miskin explain how they design and mass-produce microrobots, powered by atomically thin legs – and show how these machines could be "piloted" to battle crop diseases or study your brain at the level of individual neurons.

2 DICTATORS HATE POLITICAL CARTOONS -- SO I KEEP DRAWING THEM BY RAYMA SUPRANI

"A political cartoon is a barometer of freedom," says Rayma Suprani, who was exiled from her native Venezuela for publishing work critical of the government. In a talk illustrated with highlights from a career spent railing against totalitarianism, Suprani explores how cartoons hold a mirror to society and reveal hidden truths.

3 HOW HUMANS AND AI CAN WORK TOGETHER TO CREATE BETTER BUSINESSES BY SYLVAIN DURANTON

Business technologist Sylvain Duranton advocates for using AI systems alongside humans, and shares a formula companies can adopt to successfully employ AI while keeping humans in the loop.

4 DOES PHOTOGRAPHING A MOMENT STEAL THE EXPERIENCE? BY ERIN SULLIVAN

Is the obsession with photographing everything impacting our experiences? In a meditative talk, Erin Sullivan reflects on how being more intentional with her lens enhanced her ability to enjoy the moment – and could help you do the same, too.

5 HOW ONLINE MARKETPLACES CAN HELP LOCAL ECONOMIES, NOT HURT THEM BY AMANE DANNOUNI

The growth of online marketplaces like Uber, Airbnb and Amazon can sometimes threaten local businesses such as taxis, hotels and retail shops by taking away jobs or reducing income to the community. But it doesn't have to be this way, says strategy consultant Amane Dannouni.

NOW STREAMING

REGIONAL

NANNA PRAKARA (Kannada)

Ashok (Kishore) plays a cop character & his wife Amrutha (Priyamani), a doctor. Ashok is handed the case of Vismaya Suresh (Mayuri), who is supposed to get married in a week to Suman (Arjun Jogi) but is burnt in a car accident.

- Cast: Kishore, Priyamani, Mayuri Kyatari
- Watch on: Amazon Prime
- Registration: ₹ 129 per month

PRATI ROJU PANDAGE (Telugu)

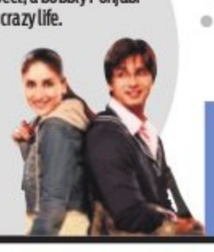
A grandson, Sai, wishes to make the last few weeks for his dying grandfather, Raghu Ramayya, a time to remember. Since most of Raghu's children are too busy to visit him, Sai's gesture comforts him.

- Cast: Sathyaraj, Sai Dharam Tej, Rashi Khanna
- Watch on: Disney+Hotstar
- Registration: ₹ 399 per year

JAB WE MET (Hindi)

Aditya, a heartbroken business tycoon, aimlessly boards a train to escape his depressing life. He meets Geet, a bubbly Punjabi girl, and gets pulled into her crazy life.

- Cast: Kareena Kapoor Khan, Shahid Kapoor
- Watch on: Amazon Prime Video
- Registration: ₹ 129 per month



RANAM (Malayalam)

Aadhi is pulled back into a life of crime when his former gang leader compels him to carry out another job. He soon meets Seema and falls in love with her, giving him a chance at redemption.

- Cast: Prithviraj Sukumaran, Isha Talwar, Rahman
- Watch on: Disney+Hotstar
- Registration: ₹ 399 per year

YAJAMANA (Kannada)

Krishna, the son-in-law of the village head, becomes the biggest enemy of Devi Shetty, a cruel gangster, when Devi decides to plunder the oil resources of the village and ruin villagers' livelihood.

- Cast: Darshan, Rashmika Mandanna, Tanya Hope
- Watch on: Amazon Prime Video
- Registration: ₹ 129 per month

All the streaming apps can be accessed on smartphones and smart TVs with Internet connection.

BAARAM (Tamil)

Karuppasamy, a widowed night watchman, lives with his sister and three nephews. He breaks his hip in an accident. His son takes him to his ancestral village, to be healed by a traditional healer. But then Karuppasamy dies. His mysterious death gets an activist to be suspicious.

- Cast: R Raju, Sugumar Shanmugam
- Watch on: Amazon Prime Video
- Registration: ₹ 129 per month

THAMBI (Tamil)

Parvathy is elated when she finds out that her brother, Saravanan, who has been missing for 15 years, is in Goa. However, somebody has already hatched a plan to kill him.

- Cast: Jyotika, Karthi
- Watch on: Netflix
- Registration: ₹ 199 per month

ENGLISH/FOREIGN

CAPTAIN MARVEL

Amid a mission, Vers, a Kree warrior, gets separated from her team and is stranded on earth. However, her life takes an unusual turn after she teams up with Fury, a S.H.I.E.L.D. agent.

- Cast: Brie Larson, Samuel L Jackson, Gemma Chan
- Watch on: Disney+Hotstar
- Registration: ₹ 399 per year

BEGIN AGAIN

Gretta, a budding songwriter, finds herself alone after her boyfriend Dave ditches her. Her life gains purpose when Dan, a record label executive, notices her talent.

- Cast: Keira Knightley, Mark Ruffalo
- Watch on: Netflix
- Registration: ₹ 199 per month

BANA MASAL ANLATMA (Turkish)

Riza is a minibus driver universally loved by the folk of Surici, the neighbourhood of Istanbul where he was born and raised. Ayperi, on the other hand, is the outsider who will turn Riza's life upside down.

- Cast: Hande Doğandemir, Fatih Artman
- Watch on: Netflix
- Registration: ₹ 199 per month

MURDERS IN BATZ (French)

Manon, a young student of neurosurgery who funds her education by cleaning crime sites, meets Gregor Gourvennnec during a case and learns about his turbulent past. She helps him overcome his problems.

- Cast: Flora Bonaventura, Stephane Freiss, Francois Marthouret
- Watch on: Amazon Prime Video
- Registration: ₹ 129 per month

RUBINATIONS
RUBI CHAKRAVARTI
writer, actor and funny girl

THIS TOO, HAS PASSED

Good morning, Bangalore!

A couple of days ago, my eyes opened to a buoyant ray of sunshine desperately trying to wake me up. I wasn't really in the brightest of moods so I shut my eyes even tighter while I turned on my side. After a while I just succumbed to that persistent ray and drew my curtains and threw open my windows. The air was crisp; the emerald foliage on the trees danced while the birds chirped and the squirrels ran up and down the jackfruit, papaya and tamarind trees, their mouths bursting with fresh fruit! It was as if nature had forgiven us. Then why did I feel so melancholic? Because we are human beings and even if we manage to pull ourselves out of the doldrums, our fellow disconsolate will ensure that you end up feeling miserable pretty fast. Take me, for example. Surrounded by nature's bounty, my family and friends are well and thriving, and there is the eminent exhilaration of market opening but I still felt sad. If I could borrow the lyrics of that Beatles song, Because the sky is 'blue', it makes me cry, I would!

I have spent the last week instilling a feeling of positivity and hope in myself and in others. I refuse to be bogged down with reams of information (and misinformation) regarding COVID-19, especially from people who are neither doctors nor healthcare professionals (but definitely need to see mental health professionals). These armchair goons and keyboard Nazis are constantly deriding and chiding responsible folk into submission with their nonsensical rhetoric. Invariably, the statistics are lopsided (for example, there are thousands of COVID-afflicted people dying on the streets every day), or dire warnings to 'irresponsible' people who dare to laugh or responsibly meet up with their 'healthy' friends. What is that rabid fear of keeping oneself sequestered and cloistered and then publicly shaming folks who want to 'normalise' their lives by meeting up with old friends and (God forbid!) shopping for 'non-essential' items! No one is public shaming the people who have taken a vow to remain cloistered and realistically speaking, many of us cannot monetarily afford to remain in this state of perpetual paranoia.

The Mad-Hatters tea party

Social media always breeds its own set of bullies who like to lurk in the shadows of anonymity by either writing reams of material about themselves (which the other hapless cloistered ones have to read) or viciously call out folks who dare to socialise (FOMO, perhaps?) and give them their brand of hypocritical berating. If the government has lifted the lockdown and people are responsibly trying to get back to work, have a little laugh with their friends, and perhaps see a ray of light in that long dark tunnel, is it a crime? Who are these self-appointed finger-wagers to rain on your parade?

I am free, I am strong and I am smart, kept echoing in my head as I went about arranging a 'Mad-Hatters tea party' for a group of my closest friends I hadn't laid eyes on for the last three months. It was in the open environs of The Oberoi, surrounded by trees and chirping birds, and with bottles of sanitisers kept at discrete intervals. One could only hear squeals of delight as our eyes behind the masks often brimmed with tears at the sheer pleasure of seeing each other and silently acknowledging how much our world had changed. Of course, since my strict diktat was that we were not going to speak about 'the virus,' we merrily spoke about everything else under the sun while feasting on a fabulous repast.

The emphasis was on positivity and giving a boost to businesses, jobs and the economy, as we all exchanged ideas and gamely wore fashionable masks made by our friends. We must move on responsibly, safely and courageously... We have to believe that this too has passed!

A CHANCE ENCOUNTER

A scene from the play

Alan Bennett's *The Habit of Art*, which will be streamed over weekend, shows a fictional meeting between WH Auden and Benjamin Britten

• **Monika Monalisa**

The year is 1972. An unexpected visitor comes to the Oxford college room of the poet WH Auden. It is none other than composer Benjamin Britten, who is preparing an opera on the novella *Death in Venice* by Auden's father-in-law, Thomas Mann. The two great artistes have not met for 30 years. This meeting may have never happened in real life but makes for an interesting plot in English playwright Alan Bennett's play, *The Habit of the Art*. It is going to be streamed online for the Indian audience for the first time on June 13 and June 14.

Matthew Kelly (left) and David Yelland

Like many other show organisers, the team behind this one too had to cancel the first leg of their tour at the Devonshire Park Theatre, UK, due to the pandemic. But the show must go on and now, the play, which premiered in 2009, is all set to go digital. "We are so sad that our much-loved production is being forced off the road in these exceptional circumstances. We all have some testing times ahead and I hope that this filmed recording will provide our audiences now at home with some welcome inspiration, entertainment and remind us all of the vital importance of art and all those who make it," says Alastair Whatley, artistic director of the Original Theatre Company, under which the play has been produced.

While the play revolves around a fictional meeting between W H Auden and Benjamin Britten, Bennett, who has classics like *Forty Years On*, *Talking Heads* to his credit, put together a play imagining a meeting that never happened. Actor Matthew Kelly, says, "Audiences will get a multi-layered play that covers sex, creativity, death and old age."

Agrees his co-actor, David Yelland, who plays Benjamin Britten. "I hope the audience will share my feelings about the play, which is full of wonderfully witty discussions of the creative art. It also has some funny observations from time to time. And it's written by someone who cares for his subject," he says, adding that the words heart, wit and brilliance sum up the play the best.

The 64-year-old director of the play, Philip Frank, hopes the audience feels included, challenged, amused and moved with the play. "I don't want them to think that it's a difficult play about a highly intellectual subject. It's actually about friendship, work, regret, getting older, love and your job," says Frank, who fell in love with theatre at the age of six when his parents took him to watch William Shakespeare's *Tempest*.

The play will stream on June 13 and 14 on BookMyShow, 7 pm onwards.

Not just child's play

FLYLEAF

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During the COVID lockdown, I enjoyed reading books to my son. Since he is an auditory learner, I had to read aloud from a book every day. This introduced me to a genre of books that I had never read when I was growing up. In fact, I feel I started enjoying them more than my son did! My own childhood reading mainly consisted of *Amar Chitra Kathas*, *Tinkle* and Enid Blyton's *Famous Five* series. With an estimated sale of over 600 million, Enid Blyton has been a best-seller since the 1930s and one of the top-ranked children's book authors of all time.

The first book I read aloud to my son was *The Boxcar Children*, created by a first grade schoolteacher in the US, Gertrude Chandler Warner. With 150 titles in the series, the books are aimed at grades two to six. One of the more recent innovations has been to enable the book using augmented reality, giving children a 3D view of the characters. Roald Dahl's *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory* came next. Dahl, often referred to as "the greatest storyteller for children of the 20th century", writes books that champion the kindhearted and feature an underlying warm sentiment.

While *Harry Potter*, which falls in the 'young adult' category of late teens to early twenties, remains at the top of the list for every child, I personally never got around to enjoying the series. So when it came to introducing it to my son, I preferred to play it on an audible rather than read it out myself. The first book in the *Harry Potter* series is available on the Spotify app; each chapter is read by a celebrity, and that includes Daniel Radcliffe and Alia Bhatt!

Interestingly, according to the Amazon bestseller ranking, children's books sold the most during the lockdown. As libraries and schools remain closed, children are being home-schooled and that has made parents buy more books. Drawing books, workbooks, picture books and craft books are among the current bestsellers.

In India, Pratham Books has democratised access to books through their engaging storybooks published in various regional languages. Tara Books in Chennai started by Gita Wolf produces handmade books by local artisans. This is one of the most unique and remarkable publishing ventures I have come across. As an example, *This Truck has Got to be Special* by Anjum Rana is a colourful book with such bright and beautiful illustrations that they almost overwhelm the story. If Gita's aim was to introduce the rich diversity of Indian folk and tribal art into books for children, she has already succeeded. We need more of these in cost effective ways, in as many regional languages as possible.

Children who read more, learn better and are more likely to succeed at school as well as in life. The best gift we can give to our children is the wealth of books. And above all, as I have discovered personally, children's books have something for every age group.

When Eric Carle, author of the classic *The Very Hungry Caterpillar,* was asked where the idea for the book came from, he said, "One day, I playfully punched some holes into a stock of paper. Looking at the holes I thought of a bookworm. Then I changed the bookworm into a green worm. With the help of my good editor Ann Bendence, the green worm then became a caterpillar."

Let's hope that all children become like the hungry caterpillar, reading and consuming books aplenty — and evolving into beautiful adults!

(The author is a technologist based in Silicon Valley who is gently mad about books.)

Sweet surprise
What makes for a memorable birthday? Just ask Sunil Kumar, aka Darling Krishna. The actor's fiance, Milana Nagaraj brought in her beau's big day with a sweet surprise. Nagaraj got Krishna cupcakes for his 35th birthday. After five years of courtship, the *Love Mocktail* couple will be tying the knot soon.

CITY READ

Infosys launches online learning initiative

Infosys has announced the launch of the 'Summer of Ideas' initiative to redefine the learning experience for university students worldwide. This global eight-week ideathon, powered by Infosys' digital learning platform Wingspan, will allow students access to Infosys mentorship and specially curated learning materials virtually. The programme will induct nearly 2,000 participants, divided into teams of five that will shape their ideas based on 10 themes related to emerging technologies.

Trust distributes provisions

The Vasavi Vidyanikethan Trust distributed provisions to parents, van drivers and other staff members of the institution. The recipients thanked the management for their help.

FOR A GOOD CAUSE

Celebrating with pride

• **Express Features**

With an aim to support daily wage workers and other underprivileged members of the LGBTQ community, Sangama is hosting a two-day online fundraising festival called Sangama ePride. The city-based non-profit organisation is organising this festival in partnership with Lemonade Social, an online platform host. It will be held on June 13 and 14 and will feature content creators from the LGBTQ community like Rani KoHenur, Shiva Raichandani, Raheem Mir, NABI and more from the fields of music, art, food, yoga, dance and mediation. "June is also Pride Month, which was recognised because of the StoneWall riots that occurred in the suburbs of New York in 1969 due to prolonged police atrocities. So the idea was to commemorate and host a virtual festival to bring LGBTQ artistes from across the globe to raise funds and support our relief work in Karnataka," says **Rajesh Umadevi Srinivas,** executive director, Sangama.

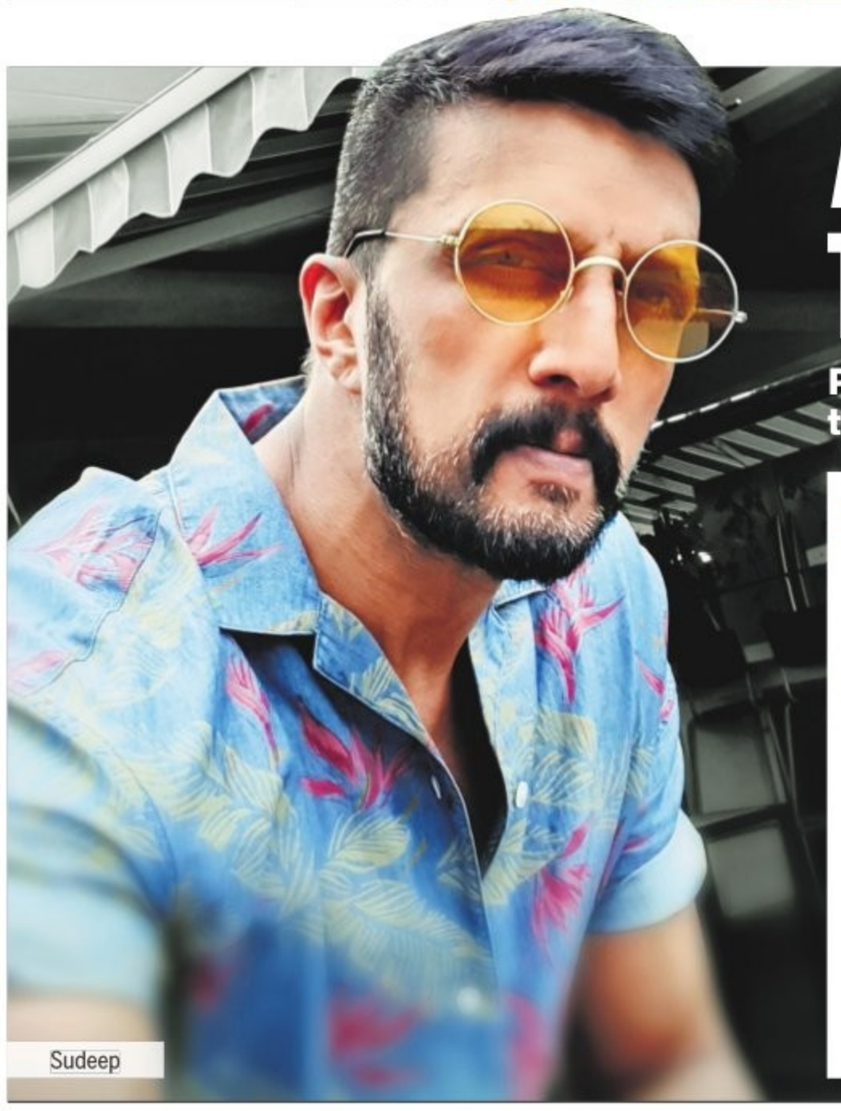
Rani KoHenur

Shiva Raichandani

Raheem Mir

Started in 1999, the organisation aims to bring sexuality, sexual preference and gender identity into the realm of public discourse and link it to gender, human rights and development. "We have been working on issues dealing with livelihood, health and advocacy for the last 20 years to support these communities," says Srinivas. He explains that the ongoing pandemic has also impacted members from the marginalised communities for which Sangama has been carrying out relief work. "We have been involved in relief work during April and May among 27 community organisations in Karnataka and have provided support to 5,800 sex workers and trans people. The proceeds from this festival will go towards aiding these communities," he says, adding that a contribution of at least ₹200 has to be made.

HOW IT WORKS | 1. Log on to Lemonade Social | 2. Select Sangama ePride | 3. Make a contribution (₹200) | 4. Unlock and enjoy live streams from 10+ creators

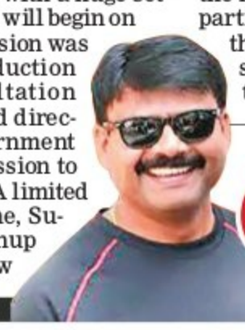

Sudeep

PHANTOM, THE FIRST KANNADA FILM TO RESUME SHOOTING AMID PANDEMIC

Producer Manjunath Gowda wants to thank Sudeep for his support and agreeing to resume shoot; the entire team will be heading to Annapurna Studios to start filming the talkie portions from July 1

• A Sharadhaa

Sudeep-starrer *Phantom* will be the first Kannada film to resume shooting, when the team begins filming on July 1 at Annapurna Studios Telangana. They will be coming up with a huge setup, work for which will begin on June 15. "The decision was taken by the production house in consultation with the actor and director after the government granted us permission to start film shoots. A limited crew, including me, Sudeep, director Anup Bhandari, and a few others, will be in institutional quarantine for seven days, from June 21, before we start the shoot," says Manjunath Gowda, who is popularly known as Jack Manju in the film industry. He adds that the entire team will be following the rules laid by the government over there. "We will have a doctor and two nurses on the sets. We are also working out how we can have only the required staff on the floor on a particular day. People who manage the lighting, makeup and other small works and even assistants will be sent back after they are done with their job. For safety purposes, we are taking staffers who are willing to stay and cannot travel often," he says. "The shooting process is turning out to be a costly affair, which the producer is aware of. I need to thank Sudeep. Despite the risks, he has agreed to resume the shooting. We were coming up with a huge setup when we began the shoot, and a few scenes were also shot there. Now that the Telangana government has given permission, we will undergo a huge loss if I don't start shooting. Fortunately, an actor of that stature has taken steps only to support the producer. He has been supportive since the time the film has gone on floors. As soon as we decided to start the shoot, he had a meeting with the director, art director, cameraman, and me, and has chalked out a plan," Manjunath explained.



The Hyderabad government has given permission, we will undergo a huge loss if I don't start shooting. Fortunately, an actor of that stature has taken steps only to support the producer — Manjunath Gowda, , producer

Phantom is being made under the banner of Shalini Art and is produced by Manjunath Gowda's wife, Shalini Manjunath. The film will have Nirup Bhandari sharing screen space with Sudeep, who will be seen in all new avatar. A major announcement about the details of the cast is expected to be made in the coming days. While crucial portions will be shot in Hyderabad, a major chunk of the scenes will also be filmed in Bengaluru once the Karnataka government grants permission.

'The lockdown was too short'

• CE Features

To satiate her craving to face the arclights, Sreeleela decided to be part of a mega photoshoot, which was clicked by *KGF* cinematographer Bhuvan Gowda. Styled by Panna Poornima, Sreeleela, who did this photoshoot for her birthday, says, "For me, this photoshoot was more like a being on the film sets, which I have been missing a lot."

Sreeleela, who is doing a balancing act between cinema and her education, feels the lockdown taught her a lot of things. "When the lockdown happened, I took time to get back to my old self. Over the past two years, I've been busy with shooting and promotions. I got to spend this quarantine time in a useful way. Probably I am only the person who felt that this lockdown was too short," she says.

The actor, who got to limelight with *KISS* and followed it up with *Bharaate*, shares that she was approached by atleast a dozen filmmakers across other languages too. "I have come by at least 20 scripts and web series projects during the lockdown period. But an interesting note is that all the stories were unique," says Sreeleela, who also got time to analyse what kind of subjects she should be looking into.

"KISS was very modern, and my second film, Bharaate was very Indian. Now with so many options, I am looking to mix and match my script choices. Fortunately, I am getting to hear stories on those lines," says Sreeleela, who reveals the kind of roles that excite her. "If I have to be honest, I like to do the role of a diva that will have me exude a lot of radiance and oomph. I like those characters, which allows me to be outspoken. That is something I enjoy doing. To be practical, as an actor, I should explore commercial and experimental films too. Both go hand in hand, and I want to balance both," she explains.

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— Sreeleela, actor

However, the actor, who plans to give a green signal to a few projects, will wait for the entire Corona situation to get normal. "I want to say yes, once I get a confirmation as to when the team wants to start the project," says the actor, who is happy with the kind of roles coming my way. "The directors are able to look deep into my soul. A couple of characters, I got to read, are not any way related to my previous two films. The directors are not fixing me to a particular role, and are bringing in variations," says Sreeleela, who added that even though she is getting projects from other languages, her focus will be only with Kannada, at present.

Sreeleela reveals that picking scripts for her movies is a collective decision. "Any scripts, before it even reaches me, is usually screened by my mother. It works to my advantage, because we have the same frequency, and it helps to filter the bad ones," signs off Sreeleela.

Amitabh Bachchan, Ayushmann Khurrana power director Shoojit Sircar's heartiest film

• Shilajit Mitra

The Hindi word for heed is '*tavajjo*'. It's what Mirza (Amitabh Bachchan) claims not to pay Baankey (Ayushmann Khurrana), his tenant of many years. He's lying, of course. In the opening shot of *Gulabo Sitabo*, we see him steal a bulb from outside Baankey's door. The habit recurs throughout the film: Mirza's thievery a daily annoyance for the residents of Fatima Mahal, a derelict mansion in Lucknow. Even so, the slight against Baankey feels markedly personal, an impulse born not just out of greed, but a fierce rivalry.

Shoojit Sircar's film features this bickering, self-seeking duo. Written by Juhi Chaturvedi, the comedy revolves around several parties attempting to usurp the aforementioned house. Mirza's wife (Farrukh Jaffer) is the actual owner of the property; he'd married her out of self-interest (despite a conspicuous difference in age) and has since been waiting for her to pass. Baankey is similarly scheming, willfully defaulting rent to provide for his family of five.

In interviews, Shoojit had called the film his first satire. This becomes clear once the drama spills out of its domestic frame. After Baankey kicks down a bathroom wall, the fight is carried over to the police station. There, he blurts something out about the building's age, within earshot of a wily archeological officer (Vijay Raaz). This officer later stakes out the house, runs some preliminary tests, and concludes its heritage value. Here on, the dispute splits into two factions: Baankey and the other tenants siding with the government official and Mirza enlisting the help of a lawyer (Bijendra Kala).

Director: Shoojit Sircar
Cast: Ayushmann Khurrana, Amitabh Bachchan, Farrukh Jaffer, Vijay Raaz, Brijendra Kala
Streaming on: Amazon Prime Video
RATING 4/5

The run-ins between Ayushmann and Big B could have become the mainstay here. Both actors go at it with glee, huffing and hissing, and calling each other funny animal names. Instead, *Gulabo Sitabo* gives pride of place to its impressive supporting cast. Srishti Shrivastava is brilliant as Baankey's sharp-witted sister. Vijay Raaz channels a uniformed cool, while Bijendra Kala is stoutly reliable as a barefaced shark. Above all, there's Farrukh Jaffar's quietly affecting turn, steering the film to its tart, unexpected conclusion.

The title is a nod to glove puppetry traditions in Uttar Pradesh (we also get a glimpse of a colourful streetside performance). Juhi's screenplay, too, has a fable-like quality. The heavy emotions of October and Piku are absent in this tale of a stingy coot and his house. There's an effort to empathise with the squatting tenants — people with slippery legal rights and facing sudden eviction — and the satirical tone isn't always in force. It's a playful, gentle probing yarn, a golden goose story within a larger social backdrop.

Amitabh Bachchan is winningly reined in as Mirza. Slouched and cartoon-nosed, he conveys his character's impunity in huffed grunts. He builds his performance around measured physical movement rather than boisterous dialogue. Mirza is a creature of greed, a despicable grump incapable of kindness or warmth. He's easily toppled by the promise of fortune, yet he gets up all the same. It's a wicked addition to the Bachchan canon, and the actor commands little sympathy on Mirza's behalf.

Coming off a streak of solo hits, it's great to see Ayushmann show up for a two-hander. The actor has a way of owning whatever space he's in: working fastidiously in a wheat mill or pacing up and down a cramped room. There's a droll little scene with Baankey and Mirza arguing across a storefront (it ends with the latter walking off with a bag of wheat). Ayushmann doesn't get as many punchlines as his other comedies; even then, he brings the same harried charm so distinct to all his roles.

Minutely observed and told, Gulabo Sitabo is Shoojit's heartiest film. It brims with flavour, colour and sound — and treasures hidden in plain sight. Like all great fables, it asks a simple question: what did you bring into the world, and what will you take?

Gulabo Sitabo

I am ready to press the refresh button for my acting career, says Neha Shetty

Currently in institutional quarantine in Bengaluru, the actor is longing to get back home; she talks about her reason to shift to Mumbai and why pursuing a course at New York Film Academy was important to her

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It feels good to be back to Namma Baneglauru and I can't wait to get back to be with my parents for a while," says Neha Shetty, the *Mungaru Male 2* heroine who landed in the city on Friday from Mumbai. The model-turned-actor had shifted her base to Mumbai a couple of years ago. She is currently in institutional quarantined for seven days and is counting the days to be at home and spend time with parents. "Coming from Mumbai to Bengaluru was a hectic journey, but it's worth it. Compared to Mumbai, Bengaluru is not bad. I am saying this because my friends, who are away from home, are worried about their parents. I am glad Karnataka has put us in quarantine, and they are taking good care of us. I was telling my mom, 'It feels like so close, yet so far.' Countdown has begun to be at my home sweet home," says Neha.

The two-film old actor now intends to press the refresh button in her acting career. She was in New York during the last six months of 2019, where she did a four-month course at New York Film Academy. Having walked the ramp, she made her film debut with the Ganesh-starrer *Mungaru Male 2*, directed by Shashank, in 2016. She also marked her stint in Telugu films with Puri Jagannath's directorial, *Mehabooba*, in 2018. "Back in Mumbai, I started looking for work and preparing for 2020, when I would start shooting in June-July. But the pandemic came as a hurdle. Though in the beginning I was not that serious, thinking that things will settle down slowly, now it looks like the virus is not ready to stop. That's when I wanted to be at home with my parents, and finally, I got a ticket to Bengaluru," she says.

Recalling her plans to take up a course at New York Film Academy, she says, "I wanted to be an actor since childhood. I like marking my milestones, and wanted to do something better for my career. Though acting is the only thing on my mind, I became a model and immediately took up film projects. In this melee, I could not do an acting course, which I finally did that too. NewYork Film Academy gave me a new experience. The institute taught me a lot in a short period, and I got to meet teachers, who had worked as actors in Hollywood. It enabled me to improvise my way of acting. I know the right balance now. It was a great learning experience," she says.

Neha is now planning to look for work in all languages possible. "I will always be part of cinema in whatever way possible. I am looking to be the face of Kannada, Hindi, Tamil, Telugu and Malayalam films," says Neha, who adds that she decided to shift to Mumbai because she always thought as a child that all actors, irrespective of which language they work in, stay in Mumbai. That was in my head, and I want to live the way I had dreamt it," she reveals.

To keep herself busy in Mumbai during lockdown, Neha read about human thoughts. "I like to delve into psychology. I also did a few courses online. Since I like dancing, I also tried my hands on online yoga classes with a couple of friends. I also tried doing a short film," says Neha, adding, "I love to watch movies, as it helps me judge the content as well as observe and learn from the works of various artistes."

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